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## Chapter 1

# GENERAL ASPECTS OF MEDICAL TREATMENT

Successful medical treatment includes consideration of all the various phases of achieving normal functioning the optimum physical and mental status of the patient during the course of his illness. The physician must consider the following general and specific measures in formulating a therapeutic program.

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## ACTIVITY STATUS

Bed rest has long been and will continue to be a basic treatment method for many illnesses. It is, however, not without its disadvantages or even its dangers.

The degree of activity permitted a patient should be based upon a careful consideration of the patient's physiological needs for activity or rest. In general, activity should be less than that which interferes with healing process or induces respiratory distress or other undesirable symptoms (e.g., excessive fatigue). On the other hand, activity should not be limited to such a extent that disadvantageous physiological or psychological results ensue.

### Type of Activity Status

- A. Ambulatory - Ill patient unable to rise specifically contraindicated (see below)
- B. Bed Rest With Bath room Privilege - For those patients in whom full ambulatory status produces untoward effects
- C. Bed Rest Without Bath room Privilege - For most patients with
  1. Continued cough
  2. A temperature of moderate to severe degree
  3. Moderate to marked dyspnea from most causes
  4. Local infections and inflammation (e.g., cellulitis, phlebitis, etc.) especially of the lower extremities
- D. Complete Bed Rest - The patient must require freedom from physical exertion and relief from emotional stress or excitement. They must have assistance in eating, changing body position, and turning the bedpan. Complete bed rest is recommended for patients with

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## ENVIRONMENT

### Temperature

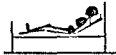
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- B Individual Temperature Tolerance  
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# **BED POSITIONS** (and Indications)



## **SHOCK**

Vasomotor collapse (primary and secondary shock)



## **SEMI FOWLER**

Dyspnea from any cause



## **FOWLER**

Marked dyspnea from any cause



## **CARDIAC BED**

Marked dyspnea from any cause  
(more symptomatic than Fowler)

**HEAD OF BED ELEVATED**  
In bed but a partial prone  
position



## **ARTIFICIAL PRONE**

Artificial reposition  
Decubitus ulcers of back  
Vomiting or obstructed  
respiration in comatose  
patients



## **LEGS ELEVATED**

Infection inflammation phlebitis  
or edema of the lower extremities



## **GENU PECTORAL (knee chest)**

Dyspnea in children  
Rectal and sigmoidoscopy  
examination



## **TRENDELENBURG**

Following pelvic operations



patients cold sensitive patients and patients in vasomotor collapse

### Room Humidity

- A Relative humidity of 60% is considered ideal with an accepted range of 35-70%. In general, higher humidities are tolerated better with lower room temperatures and vice versa.
- B Higher humidities may be of value in the treatment of patients with asthma

### Ventilation

Circulation of air may be as essential to comfort as proper warmth and humidity especially in certain respiratory and cardiac illnesses. Avoid drafts.

### Social Contacts

- A Restriction of Social Activity This includes curtailment of visitors telephone radio and letter writing when indicated. These limitations should seldom if ever be imposed over a long period of time. They apply principally to:
  - 1 Seriously ill patients
  - 2 Patients with contagious diseases
  - 3 Certain disturbed, psychotic or delirious patients and acutely hysterical patients (However relatives and other familiar figures may lessen confusion and relieve anxiety in some cases)
  - 4 Markedly dyspneic patients
- B Encouragement of Social Activity
  - 1 Most patients not in the above categories
  - 2 Chronically ill patients
  - 3 Certain depressed emotional states

### Special Consideration

- A Elimination of noise
- B Darkening of room for patients with photophobia or with tetanus. Not advised for delirious patients
- C Elimination of dust in cases with respiratory diseases or dust allergies
- D Elimination of allergenic materials in pillows bed linen curtains room furnishings etc for allergic patients

### Factors in Recommendation of Home Management for Bed Patients

- A Home Factors
  - 1 Hospital facilities in community
  - 2 Financial status of patient in general, if patient is able to afford it hospital care is preferable for bed patients
  - 3 Proximity of patient's home to physician's office
  - 4 Character of disease ( dangers to patient attendants members of the family and community )
- B Home Factors
  - 1 Home facilities (space heat electricity furniture etc )
  - 2 Intelligence and cooperativeness of patient and family
  - 3 Nursing care Availability of desirable attendants (may be required night and day)
  - 4 Duration of illness (consider expense of prolonged hospitalization)

General Rules for Home Management in CasesA Preparation of Sick Room

- 1 Move patient to a table room considering
  - a Ventilation
  - b Temperature
  - c Electrical fixtures
  - d Bathroom facilities
- 2 Rent hospital bed or use plain narrow bed raised on blocks to convenient height for attendant
- 3 Remove all unnecessary furniture and accessories from room especially in isolation cases
- 4 Use simple bed linens and blankets

B Attending

- 1 Obtain services of trained or practical nurse for complicated or serious contagious cases
- 2 Instruct attendant concerning patient's disease with respect to objectives dangers signals etc. If necessary dictated direction in writing
- 3 Explain medical situation to responsible person emphasizing observance of following instructions
  - a Activity status of patient
  - b Proper bed care
  - c Proper diet and fluids
  - d Social contacts (visitors telephone correspondence)
  - e Regularity of treatment
  - f Informing physician of any unusual change in patient

Obtaining Home Nursing Service

The director of the local telephone company community health or health council provides to the official registration for full, part time or hourly professional and practical nursing services. These agencies may assist the physician in arranging for other home services as indicated.

Contagious Disease Management in the HomeA Quarantine Requirements

- 1 Familiarize yourself with the isolation and quarantine requirements of the disease in question, as applicable to your community. Determine whether or not the disease is reportable
- 2 Emphasize the family's responsibility to the community

B Preparation for Isolation

- 1 Stress the important points of isolation technique as the case demands. Point out the signs of spread
- 2 Attempt to approximate hospital isolation technique
- 3 Utilize service of attendants who have either had the disease or who have been immunized against it. Either immunize or remove susceptibles from the home. If necessary obtain the services of a trained nurse

C Isolation Technique

- 1 Define and designate the isolated room or area of the house. The selected area is to be used by the patient and attendants and NO OTHERS. Children are never to enter this area. Instruct attendants to wash hands in soap and water carefully before entering and on leaving the room.
- 2 Disposable paper masks and caps are now available quite cheaply or large handkerchiefs may be used as masks or

## 4. Clinical Observations

Temperatures. Simple recording over a long time (in general should be worn in the axilla and should be inserted and removed in the centre of axilla. A little too thick or (inside of glove and clean).

### CLINICAL OBSERVATIONS

Clinical observation of the patient as well as diagnostic value may be gained from a carefully maintained clinical record. Such information provides valuable data about the nature of the present complaint and prognosis of the disease. It is important to ensure the general character of the patient. The following brief clinical data are recorded for the convenience of the clinician in formulating a diagnosis of the disease of patients. The physician's task is considerably simplified if the patient is in a hospital where adequate nursing facilities are available. Skilled nursing supervision and careful recording of patient activities, vital signs, medication and other important data make possible a more effective management of the patient.

#### Body Temperature

Normal temperature in man and woman is 37°C (98.6°F).

| Area     | Average Temp    | Range of Temp           |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Rectal   | 37.5°F (37.5°C) | 98.5-99.8°F (37-37.7°C) |
| Oral     | 37.4°F (37.5°C) | 98.5-99.8°F (37-37.7°C) |
| Anal     | 37.4°F (37.5°C) | 98.5-99.8°F (37-37.7°C) |
| Axillary | 37.4°F (37.5°C) | 98.5-99.8°F (37-37.7°C) |

#### Body Temperature

##### 1. Types

- Remittent.** Of days or weeks duration with alternating periods during which temperature is normal (e.g. brucellosis or typhoid fever). Temperature should be taken at least daily for a prolonged period (weeks to months) to demonstrate the alternating febrile and afebrile periods.
- Intermittent.** Temperature drops to normal or subnormal level once or more in 24 hours (e.g. septic fever and early tuberculosis). Temperature must be taken daily to demonstrate the variation within the day.
- Continuous or continuous.** Temperature is normal during 24-hour period (e.g. pneumonia, influenza). Temperature must be taken daily or at times every 2-3 hours to demonstrate the sustained character of the fever.

2. Causes. Infectious diseases, certain drugs, foreign protein reactions, certain heat neurotic diseases, disturbance of hypothalamic center and neuroses.

3. Subnormal temperature. May be due to profuse perspiration, hemorrhage, shock, decreased blood flow, and mental depression. A common cause of recorded subnormal temperature is insufficient time allowed for taking temperature. Subnormal temperatures may indicate failure in a seriously ill patient and demand



## 8 General Observations

- 1 General rule For every degree (°F) of temperature rise the pulse rate usually rises 10 beats per minute i.e.  
88 60/min 99 70/min
- 2 Diseases in which pulse rate may be low in proportion to fever (relative bradycardia) Typhoid fever undulant fever influenza meningitis infectious mononucleosis
- 3 Diseases in which pulse rate is usually high in proportion to fever (relative tachycardia) Scarlet fever rheumatic fever diphtheria thyrotoxicosis subacute bacterial endocarditis tuberculosis terminal or unfavorable pneumonia (pre shock)

### B Respiration Temperature Relationships

- 1 General rule Respiratory rate roughly parallels temperature changes
- 2 Exception Intrathoracic or respiratory diseases (relative tachypnea, hyperpnea or dyspnea)

### C Pulse Blood Pressure Relationships

- 1 General rule The same factor causing an increase in cardiac rate usually causes an increase in blood pressure
- 2 Exceptions
  - a Relative tachycardia Same as for pathological causes of hypotension
  - b Relative bradycardia Renal disease benign and malignant hypertension, increased intracranial pressure

### D Mental Status Temperature Relationships

- 1 General rule Delirium may accompany high fevers
- 2 Exceptions (when patients are more susceptible to febrile delirium i.e. with lower fevers) Emotional lability pellagra typhus fever and the influence of certain drugs (e.g. barbiturates)

## Miscellaneous Observations and Precautions

The following clinical observations are also important in determining the general comfort and in following the clinical status of the patient

- A Fluid Intake and Output Consideration of the fluid balance of the patient should include the following
  - 1 Clinical evaluation of state of hydration
  - 2 Estimation of need for fluids
  - 3 Types of fluid administration  
(For details see Chapter 2 page 10)

- B Condition of the Skin Evidence of decubiti (bed sores) heat rash, hyperhidrosis drug rashes etc

- C Condition of the Mouth Lips and Nares Evidence of chafing ulceration soreness dehydration avitaminosis etc

Local conditions in the mouth permitting patients should brush their teeth or have their teeth brushed with some simple dentifrice at least once daily

Patients should be given the opportunity to rinse their mouths after each meal Plain tap water physiological saline solution, or Alkaline Aromatic Solution N.F. (diluted 2:1) are equally satisfactory

Care must be taken that the patient is in an adequate state of nutrition and hydration

- D Appetite Question patient regarding appetite and qualitative and quantitative food desires Check actual food intake by

examination of outgoing trays. Determine reasons for rejection of food. Avoid prolongation of unpalatable or restricted diets for periods in excess of actual requirement (see section on Diet, page 44).

- E Elimination. Bed patients are generally prone to constipation. This may be exaggerated by the illness itself, diet, or bed pans, drugs, and certain drugs. When knowledge of elimination is especially important, gross inspection of all stools passed by the patient may be necessary (see Constipation, page 234). Daily inquiry regarding elimination should be made of each patient.
- F Acceptance or Rejection of Medication. Always inquire as to patient's attitude toward medication. The patient's objections may constitute a valid reason for modification or cessation of drug therapy. Side effects as to untoward reactions from medication also deserve careful attention.
- G Sleep and Rest. The patient's statements about amount of sleep or rest may vary considerably from known observations. Provide suitable environment for sleeping and resting by insuring a minimum of interruptions by professional personnel, attendants, visitors, and ward maids. "Routine" sleep-inducing drugs should be avoided (see Insomnia, page 33).
- H Mental Reaction of Patient. Observe patient's mood and behavior carefully for signs of mental depression, which is often associated with costly confining illnesses or chronic illness.

## LABORATORY AND X RAY STUDIES

### Ordering Laboratory and X-ray Studies

To insure efficient ordering and performance of laboratory, x-ray, diagnostic, and other special studies constitutes an essential phase of the management of the patient. The blood count, urinalysis, serological test for syphilis, and perhaps chest x-ray should be performed routinely on all hospital patients.

- A Special diagnostic studies may conflict with planning and integrating with the therapeutic program and must not conflict with the treatment scheduled.
- B Improperly performed or unnecessary laboratory and x-ray studies, aside from the discomfort, expense and inconvenience they cause the patient, may prolong hospitalization.
- C It must be remembered that certain laboratory studies may require dehydration (e.g., Addison test or psychograms) when it may be clinically dangerous (e.g., precipitation of renal failure, etc.).
- D Likewise, forced fluids (e.g., F&S) may be contraindicated in the presence of nausea or severe congestive failure, etc.
- E X-ray plain and dye studies should precede all barium contrast studies, and retrograde biliary (enema) studies should precede upper gastrointestinal studies. Inverse reversal of this sequence of studies will cause needless delay.

## Chapter 2

# FLUID AND ELECTROLYTE THERAPY AND PARENTERAL FEEDING

## FLUID BALANCE

In carrying fluid therapy it is necessary that the problems of water and electrolyte metabolism be considered independently of each other. The electrolytes are intimately concerned with the maintenance of normal cellular metabolism, acid-base regulation and with water the maintenance of osmotic pressure in both the extracellular and intracellular fluid compartments. Water in excess of the quantity necessary for maintaining the isotonicity of body fluids is required for normal bodily function. The administration of solutions of isotonic electrolyte to the patient cannot be considered as providing a balance with respect to the excretion of these same electrolytes. Water must likewise be excreted to keep the solution (urine) almost isotonic.

### Daily Obligatory Water Requirement

A certain minimum amount of water (free from electrolytes) is necessary for normal bodily function. These obligatory water requirements are related to energy expenditure. They are given in the following table.

### AVERAGE DAILY WATER NEEDS FOR EXCRETION

| Method of Excretion or Loss            | Volume of Water Excreted per 100 Calories of Food                       | Volume of Water Excreted per Day                  |
|--|---|---|
| Imperceptible loss (lungs and skin)    | 44 cc   | 1100 cc   |
| Sweat                                  | 55  | 100   |
| Swat (perceptible)                     | Varies with external temperature. May be high                           | 0-300 (more at high temperature)                  |
| Urine                                  | Varies with amount of waste products to be excreted (see chart page 12) | Average minimum 1000 cc (if sugar more than 1.0%) |
| Needs for excretion (other than urine) |   | 1200-1500   |
| Total (including urine)                |   | 2200-2500   |

Based on 2500 Calories food intake

For gross clinical estimation the imperceptible loss of water may be calculated as 10 cc /K (5 cc /lb) body weight per day





| Sp. Gr. Urine | Gm Solids per Liter | Urine Vol / 35 Gm Solids (Avg Sp. Gr.) | Urine Vol / 50 Gm Solids (Avg Sp. Gr.) |
|---------------|---------------------|--|--|
| 1.035 - 1.030 | 91.79               | 400                                    | 800                                    |
| 1.030 - 1.025 | 79.87               | 475                                    | 985                                    |
| 1.025 - 1.020 | 67.95               | 510                                    | 800                                    |
| 1.020 - 1.015 | 56.03               | 715                                    | 1000                                   |
| 1.015 - 1.010 | 44.11               | 850                                    | 1350                                   |
| 1.010 - 1.005 | 32.19               | 1400                                   | 2000                                   |

Any fluid and marked change in the patient's hydrostatic pressure during the latter portion of the collection period will fail to be reflected in the specific gravity of the total 4-hour specimen.

## ROUTES AND TYPES OF WATER ADMINISTRATION

### Route and Availability of Water for Metabolism

- A Oral Liquid route. In calculating fluid intake remember that most foods contain water and that about 12% of all calories met by food form water (of oxidation).
- B Parenteral. When considering water balance note that:
  1. The water in glucose solutions is all available for metabolic and excretory purposes.
  2. Solutions containing electrolytes (e.g., normal saline) yield little water for metabolic purposes for the electrolytes require water for excretion.
  3. Protein hydrolysates: 1 Gm of protein equals about 1/3 Gm of urea for excretion in urine. Therefore depending on urinary specific gravity some water may be available from 5% protein hydrolysates if the electrolyte content is low (see page 9).
- C Rectal. Rarely employed. Water or 2% glucose in water may be administered by slow drip if no large bowel disease is present. This is all available for metabolic purposes.

### Types of Water Regimens

- A Liberal (or fluid) diet. Indicated for the average patient in a normal physiological state when dehydration is not present. 1800-3000 cc of total fluids daily are adequate except for increased loss by sweating.
- B Restrictive diet. May be indicated when factors are working which tend to cause accumulation of body fluids. Restriction of oral fluids may be indicated when for any reason it is undesirable to introduce more than small quantities of fluid into the GI tract.
  1. Anuria or oliguria (e.g., lower nephron syndrome see page 303).
  2. In conjunction with ketogenic diet.
  3. Preparation for certain laboratory studies (Addis test, pyelography).
  4. Restriction of oral fluids. Conditions interfering with passage of fluids through the gastrointestinal tract e.g., swallowing disorders, persistent nausea and vomiting, gastric dilatation and intestinal obstruction. When these conditions are present it is necessary to replace fluids by the parenteral route (see next page).

C Increase (Force of) May be indicated when factors are working which tend to deplete body fluids or when it is desired to hasten excretion of toxins or metabolite. The addition of fluids must frequently be given by parenteral routes.

- 1 High atmospheric temperature
- 2 High body temperature (fever)
- 3 Diarrhea (e.g., diabetes insipidus, renal insufficiency with polyuria)
- 4 Exudations from inflamed surfaces (especially severe burns)
- 5 Diarrhea
- 6 Vomiting
- 7 Draining fistula
- 8 Exogenous or endogenous poisons (Heavy metal poisoning, renal failure [except when oliguria or anuria is of renal origin], diabetic coma, etc.)

GI tract intake (normal secretions normally total 7000-8000 cc per day, so loss here may be great. See chart on page 14.)

## ELECTROLYTE AND ACID-BASE BALANCE

Normal concentration of both intracellular and extracellular electrolytes is necessary for life. Although the intracellular and extracellular electrolytes are at approximately the same osmotic pressure, the individual ions are different. The electrolytes present in the body are grouped into positive ions (cations) and negative ions (anions). The cations are concerned with all the functions of the electrolytes. The anions apparently retard direct pharmacologic action but are intimately involved with ionic equilibrium. The following table gives both intracellular and extracellular electrolytes grouped as cations and anions.

VALUES OF EXTRACELLULAR AND INTRACELLULAR ELECTROLYTES

| Ion              | Extracellular |         |           | Intracellular |        |
|------------------|---------------|---------|-----------|---------------|--------|
|                  | mEq/liter     |         | mg/100 cc | mEq/liter     | mg/100 |
|                  | mg            | Range   |           | mg            |        |
| <b>Positive</b>  |               |         |           |               |        |
| Na               | 142           | 135-147 | 310-340   | 13            | 30     |
| K <sup>+</sup>   | 5             | 4.0-5.0 | 10-22     | 140           | 350    |
| Ca <sup>++</sup> | 5             | 4.5-5.5 | 9-11      | 0             | 0      |
| Mg <sup>++</sup> | 3             | 1.5-3.0 | 1.8-3.8   | 45            | 54     |
| Total            | 155           |         |           | 198           |        |
| <b>Negative</b>  |               |         |           |               |        |
| HCO <sub>3</sub> | 27            | 25-30   | 56-65     | 10            | 22     |
| Cl               | 103           | 100-110 | 350-390   | 3             | 10     |
| HPO <sub>4</sub> | 2             | 1.8-2.3 | 3-4       | 100           | 200    |
| SO <sub>4</sub>  | 1             |         | 4-8       | 20            | 96     |
| Org. Ac          | 6             |         |           | 0             | 0      |
| Pot in           | 16            |         |           | 65            |        |
| Total            | 155           |         |           | 198           |        |

These are approximate values of muscle

\*Volume %

## 14 Electrolytes

From the previous page it is apparent that the electrolyte pattern of the intracellular and extracellular compartments are entirely different. Whereas sodium chloride is the main component of extracellular fluid, potassium has possibly a preponderance in the main component of intracellular fluid. This is of foremost importance in consideration of the electrolyte balance (see page 21) especially since only the extracellular components are available for clinical measurement.

Since little is known regarding the functions and uses of most of the intracellular electrolyte concentrations, almost all of the electrolyte must be concerned primarily with the extracellular compartment as by a knowledge of the extracellular electrolyte concentration and the relative quantity, certain physiological differences can be drawn relative to the intracellular alteration.

**VOLUME AND ELECTROLYTE CONTENT OF GASTROINTESTINAL SECRETIONS AND SWEAT\***

| Source                                  | Average 24 hr<br>Volume | Electrolytes in mEq/L |              |              |                  |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
|   |                         | Na                    | K            | Cl           | HCO <sub>3</sub> |
| Extracellular<br>Fluid                  |                         | 145                   | 5            | 112          | 8                |
| Gastric Juice<br>Containing<br>Aldolase | 2500                    | 10-110<br>80-120      | 1-32<br>1-30 | 8-155<br>100 | 0<br>20          |
| Saliva                                  | 500                     | 130-160               | 2-12         | 90-120       | 38               |
| Pancreatic<br>Juice                     | 700                     | 110-130               | 2-8          | 50-95        | 110              |
| Small Bowel<br>Secretion                | 100-8000                | 80-130                | 2-8          | 40-135       | 30               |
| Teostomy<br>Secret                      | 100-4000                | 100-130               | 5-30         | 90-140       | 30               |
| Adapted<br>Teostomy                     | 100-500                 | 50                    | 3            | 20           | 15-30            |
| Teostomy                                | 100-3000                | 30                    | 8            | 40           | 15               |
| Urine<br>(Formed)                       | 100                     | < 10                  | < 10         | < 15         | < 15             |
| Sweat                                   | 500-10,000              | 0-100                 | 0-5          | 0-100        | 0                |

Minor alterations of ion concentration occur in interstitial fluid in response to physical laws governing the production of an ultrafiltrate of plasma.

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## FUNCTIONS OF THE ELECTROLYTES

The electrolytes of the extracellular fluid serve three principal functions:

### REGULATION OF OSMOTIC PRESSURE AND WATER BALANCE

The osmotic pressure of both the intracellular and extracellular components of the body are at all times equal. In health the osmotic pressure is equal to about 310 milliosmoles per liter. The total body water is equal to about 42-63% of the body weight, with an average of 55% for males and 47% for females. The values are lower in obese individuals. It is higher in lean muscular individuals. About 15-17% of the body weight is in the extracellular fluid compartment, and about 1/3 of this is in the vascular compartment.

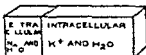
Since the ionic composition of the extracellular and intracellular fluids is entirely different and this difference is maintained by the renal excretory system, which remove unwanted electrolytes (e.g., sodium) as rapidly as it diffuses into the extracellular fluid.

Water balance is a function of the osmotic pressure. The principal means of maintaining osmotic equilibrium whenever there are alterations in electrolyte or water concentration in the body. The significant alterations that one accounts for locally are illustrated below. The diagrams are oversimplified and do not show the electrolyte shifts that occur in pathological conditions. Clinicians at age rarely deal with complex problems of this nature rather than simple biological entities.

### FLUID COMPARTMENTS

#### Normal

This figure represents total body water with the normal extracellular to intracellular fluid and electrolyte concentration.

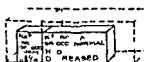


NORMAL

ECF (EXTRACELLULAR FLUID)  $K$  (CONSTANT FOR A)  
ICF (INTRACELLULAR FLUID) (GIVEN INDIVIDUAL)

#### Simple Dehydration Without Salt Loss

In this condition the electrolyte is concentrated the extracellular to intracellular fluid ratio is the same as for a normal



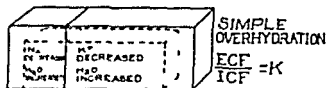
SIMPLE  
DEHYDRATION  
 $\frac{ECF}{ICF} = K$

## 18 Function of Electrolytes

- A Common Clinical Condition Lack of water gastric vomiting  
B Diagnostic Points Marked thirst (probably a symptom of intracellular dehydration) poor tissue turgor high urine specific gravity high hematocrit all extracellular electrolytes may be elevated but proportions normal  
C Treatment Administer fluid without electrolytes Water orally 5 10% glucose in water I V

### Simple Overhydration

In this condition the electrolytes are diluted the extracellular/intracellular fluid ratio is the same as for normal



- A Common Clinical Conditions Excessive fluid intake without salt Excessive electrolyte free fluid administration to a patient with oliguria or anuria  
B Diagnostic Points Edema low urine specific gravity if patient urinating low hematocrit all extracellular electrolytes reduced, but proportions normal Convulsions if extreme  
C Treatment Usually withholding of fluid and electrolytes

### Excessive Sodium Retention (or Rarely Intracellular K<sup>+</sup> Loss)

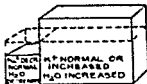
This leads to excess fluid in the extracellular compartment with depletion (dehydration) of the intracellular fluid



- A Common Clinical Conditions Cardiac failure liver failure with ascites renal disease with failure to excrete sodium excessive sodium intake administration of some steroid hormones or ACTH  
B Diagnostic Points Edema patient may be thirsty low hematocrit elevated blood pressure extracellular sodium may be normal or elevated urine specific gravity usually low  
C Treatment Restriction of dietary sodium or administration of agents to induce sodium loss by kidney (e.g. digitalis mercurials Diamox® etc) Water orally 5 10% glucose in water I V (to provide electrolyte free water)

### Excessive Na<sup>+</sup> Loss (Low Sodium Syndrome)

This leads to diminished extracellular fluid and an increase of intracellular fluid



## SODIUM LOSS

$$\frac{ECF}{ICF} < K$$

- A Common Clinical Condition Low sodium intake & excessive use of mercury diuretics excess fluid intake without sodium after prolonged sweating. Addition a disease sodium binding & in therapy sodium loss with gas trointestinal fluid loss &
- B Diagnostic Points Low blood pressure muscle cramps low urine volume absence of thirst
- C Treatment Adrenal stimulation of sodium salts in once & twice daily at 1/2 than isotonic (see page 22)

### MAINTENANCE OF NORMAL NEUROMUSCULAR FUNCTIONS (Neuromuscular Irritability)

The electrolyte content of the body is kept remarkably constant chiefly by the kidneys & selective ability to excrete or conserve individual ions. The levels and balance of the various positive ions (cations) are important in maintaining normal neuromuscular irritability and they vary little in health. Wide variations are incompatible with life & symptoms arise when excessive or deficiency occurs.

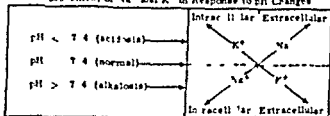
#### Interrelationship of Electrolyte and Neuromuscular Function

The interrelationship between electrolyte balance and neuromuscular function is not clear. Many of the signs and symptoms of deficiency and excesses of ions may be due to alterations in intracellular content which may or may not be detectable by the measurement of extracellular electrolytes and fluid alone.

- A Variation in Effect of Hormones An excellent example of this is found in the effect of two hormones upon serum potassium levels namely deoxytocorticosterone and testosterone. Both of these hormones can lower the serum potassium markedly. However symptoms of potassium deficiency never develop with testosterone. It is believed that this is because the hormone causes an intracellular movement of potassium and retention of potassium by the body. Deoxycorticosterone however causes marked urinary loss of potassium with intracellular depletion and may lead to symptoms of potassium deficiency.
- B Effect of pH on Electrolyte The pH of the blood is important in determining the intracellular extracellular shift of ions. This is most noticeable in the case of sodium and potassium. In a normal sodium is transferred from the cell to the serum to add to bicarbonate buffer system and is replaced intracellularly by potassium. (In addition intracellular potassium is lost to the body in acidosis.) In alkalosis the reverse occurs sodium moves into cellularly while potassium leaves the cells. The changes are illustrated on the following page.

# 18 Neuromuscular Irritability

## Movement of Na and K in Response to pH Changes

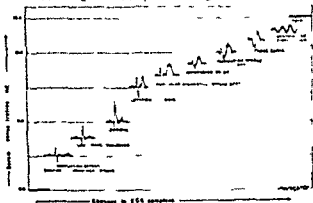


## SYMPTOMS OF EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY OF THE POSITIVE IONS

| Positive Ion (Cation)                                     | Symptoms of Excess and Clinical Causes  | Symptoms of Deficiency and Clinical Causes  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Sodium <math>Na^+</math></b><br>(Normal 142 mEq/L)     | <b>Ferns</b><br>Cardiac failure<br>Cushing's syndrome<br>Excess sodium<br>(Administration of some atoid hormones or ACTH)<br>Cirrhosis & ascites<br>Renal failure | Muscular weakness, cramps<br>nausea and vomiting, low blood pressure, absence of thirst<br>Addison's disease<br>Excessive sweating<br>Acidosis (metabolic)  |
| <b>Potassium <math>K^+</math></b><br>(Normal 5 mEq/L)     | Muscular weakness and paralysis ultimately cardiac arrest (see page 19)<br>Excess potassium administration<br>Addison's disease<br>Renal failure                  | Muscular weakness and paralysis especially respiratory and cardiac (see ECG page 19)<br>Low potassium intake Starvation<br>GI obstruction<br>Poor absorption Steatorrhea<br>enteritis short intestine<br>Excessive potassium loss<br>GI Vomiting, diarrhea<br>Cutaneous Wounds burns<br>Renal Tubular defect diabetic acidosis metabolic alkalosis<br>Hormonal Adrenal steroids (see page 416)<br>Shift from extracellular to intracellular space<br>Hormonal Testosterone (see page 419) insulin glucose<br>Iliothic Familial periodic paralysis |
| <b>Calcium <math>Ca^{++}</math></b><br>(Normal 5 mEq/L)   | Metabolic alkalosis<br>renal calcinosis<br>Hyperparathyroidism  | Tetany<br>Acidosis (metabolic)<br>Hypoparathyroidism<br>Osteomalacia (?)  |
| <b>Magnesium <math>Mg^{++}</math></b><br>(Normal 3 mEq/L) | Depression of CNS and muscle<br>IV administration of magnesium salt   | Non-inflammatory possibility  |

# CORRELATION OF THE SERUM POTASSIUM CONCENTRATION AND THE ELECTROCARDIOGRAM

Providing there is no parallel change in  $\text{N}^{++}$  and  $\text{Ca}^{++}$



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## Effect of Electrolyte on Electrocardiogram

In addition to the serum concentration of electrolytes, the ECG may be of value in diagnosis of ion balance, especially if variations occur during therapy. The use of the compensation relationship that occurs in hypokalemia is reported as of questionable specificity. The most important factors for  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  and  $\text{K}^{+}$

- $\text{Ca}^{++}$  Calcium deficiency prolongs the Q-T interval. Calcium excess shortens the Q-T interval. The quantitation of these changes has not been worked out.
- $\text{K}^{+}$  The potassium changes are best illustrated by the hypokalemia. The approximate interrelationship between  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  and  $\text{K}^{+}$  both clinically in terms of symptoms and ECG effect to their symptoms and ECG effect is antagonistic and a deficiency of one may cancel out a deficiency of the other.
- $\text{Mg}^{++}$  and  $\text{N}^{++}$  No specific ECG changes have been described for magnesium or sodium ion changes, however the effects of sodium appear to antagonize those of potassium.
- Respiratory alkalosis induced by high concentrations of  $\text{CO}_2$  is transient and related to the reduced height of R and T wave. The elevation of ST and depression of ST-T and a depression of T, both.

## Alkalosis and Ion

In alkalosis, one is concerned almost entirely with osmotic equilibrium and pH change except for the serum inorganic phosphorus. The phosphorus appears to be needed for phosphorylation (phosphorylation) of glucose and possibly fatty acids and so a definite quantitative measurement is important in addition to the V-glucose when the latter is indicated.





# ACID BASE REGULATION

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**Acid Base Equilibrium**  
 The pH of the extracellular fluid during life is maintained at 7.35 to 7.45. A pH beyond this range is incompatible with life. The regulation of the pH within such narrow limits is the function of the bicarbonate buffer system. At a pH of 7.4 (under normal circumstances) this buffer system is composed of 1.35 mEq/liter of  $H_2CO_3$  and 27.0 mEq/liter of  $HCO_3^-$ . This gives a ratio of 1:20 of  $H_2CO_3$  to  $HCO_3^-$ . This is represented in the following equations:

$$\frac{H^+HCO_3^-}{H^+HCO_3^-} = \frac{1.35 \text{ mEq/liter}}{27.0 \text{ mEq/liter}} = \frac{1}{20} \quad \text{pH } 7.4$$

This ratio of 1:20 keeps the pH at 7.4 regardless of the relative quantities of  $H_2CO_3$  and  $HCO_3^-$  present. The maintenance of equilibrium of the bicarbonate buffer system is accomplished principally through two important physiological mechanisms: the respiratory and the metabolic mechanisms (see page 20).

**A. The Respiratory Mechanism (Lung and Respiratory Center)**  
 Partial pressure of  $CO_2$  in the blood is regulated by increasing or eliminating the volume of  $CO_2$  in the blood.

**B. The Metabolic Mechanism**  
 Since most end products of metabolic processes are acids ( $PO_4^{3-}$ ,  $SO_4^{2-}$ ,  $HCO_3^-$  and organic acids), it is important for the body to maintain a balance of acids and bases ( $K^+$ ,  $Ca^{++}$  and  $Mg^{++}$ ) to maintain pH at 7.4. The kidneys participate in this conservation through two mechanisms:  
 1. By the ability to secrete an acid urine (maximum about pH 4.5) so conserving relatively more base than acid.  
 2. By the ability of the renal tubule to manufacture  $NH_4^+$  which combines with anion thereby allowing fixed base to be reabsorbed by the renal tubules.

## TREATMENT OF ACID BASE AND ELECTROLYTE IMBALANCE

In the clinical management of derangement of the acid base and electrolyte balance, the attempt is made to return the electrolyte pH to normal. This is accomplished by determining the levels of the important electrolytes ( $Na^+$ ,  $K^+$ ,  $Ca^{++}$ ,  $CO_2$  and  $Cl^-$ ) in the blood and then administering the salts or solution necessary to return the electrolyte pattern to normal.

With normal renal function it is rarely necessary to be concerned with the individual electrolytes. If fluid of proper osmotic pressure (i.e., isotonic hypotonic or hypertonic as the patient's state demands) is administered the kidney will adjust the various ions.

Although many formulae have been advocated to calculate replacement of electrolytes, their use is rather limited for most abnormal conditions are mixed types. No formula can yet determine intracellular needs. However, some general principles are assist in determining electrolyte replacement.

## 2. Replacement Calculations

- A. Sodium Replacement (and Cl<sup>-</sup> when used with Na<sup>+</sup> or as NaCl)  
 does use sodium is concerned mainly with osmotic pressures and because replacement therapy is used to effect movement of water out of the intracellular compartment the estimation for Na<sup>+</sup> replacement must be made in terms of total body water

$$\text{Fe deficit total body water (in litres)} = \frac{\text{mEq Na}^+}{\text{deficiency}} \quad \text{Amount of Na}^+ \text{ needed for replacement}$$

$$\frac{\text{Fe deficit}}{\text{mEq/L}} = 70 \text{ kg muscular individual has a sum Na}^+ \text{ of } 12 \text{ mEq/L}$$

Estimated total body H<sub>2</sub>O = 60% of body weight = 42 litres

Estimated sodium deficiency = 20 mEq/L

4 x 20 = 80 mEq Na<sup>+</sup> necessary for replacement

Administer half the amount initially the remainder in the next 4-6 hours. Cl<sup>-</sup> as salt by mouth or hypertonic solution

- B. In the case of the replacement of the ion, safe initial replacement can be made especially when parenteral administration is contemplated by estimation of the deficiency in extracellular fluid. This type of calculation is obviously incorrect in the case of K<sup>+</sup> since this ion is largely intracellular but the amount administered can be given quite rapidly without danger of excessive concentration being produced. In the case of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> replacement it also fails to take into account the intracellular HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>. The same is true of Cl<sup>-</sup> when given to replace HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>. For ease of calculation this formula assumes an extracellular fluid content equal to 1/3 of the body weight. This estimate is not exact and is especially incorrect in cases of disturbed fluid and electrolyte balance.

$$\frac{\text{Amount ion needed (in mEq)}}{\text{Patient's wt (in kg)}} \times \left\{ \frac{\text{Normal value of ion (in mEq/L)}}{3} - \text{Patient's level of ion (in mEq/L)} \right\}$$

Example: 100 kg man has serum CO<sub>2</sub> content of 15 mEq/L. How much sodium lactate is needed to bring serum CO<sub>2</sub> to normal?

$$\text{mEq of CO}_2 = \frac{100}{3} \times (27 - 15) = 40 \times 12 = 240 \text{ mEq}$$

Therefore 240 mEq of sodium lactate is needed by the patient

Milliequivalent Conversion Factors  
 for Conversion of Blood Chemistry Findings

| To find ml mEq/L of             | Divide mg % or vol % by |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Calcium                         | 2.0                     |
| Chlorides (from Cl)             | 3.5                     |
| (from NaCl)                     | 5.85                    |
| CO <sub>2</sub> Combining power | 2.22                    |
| Magnesium                       | 1.2                     |
| Phosphorus mM (millimol/l)      | 3.1                     |
| Potassium                       | 3.0                     |
| Sodium                          | 2.3                     |

Table for Determining Quantity of Salt or Salts  
Necessary for Electrolyte Replacement

| Salt                              | Quantity in Grams to Yield |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
|                                   | 25 mEq<br>of cation        | 100 mEq<br>of cation |
| NaCl                              | 1.5                        | 5.9                  |
| NaHCO <sub>3</sub>                | 2.1                        | 8.4                  |
| Sodium citrate (hydrated citrate) | 2.8                        | 11.2                 |
| Sodium lactate                    | 2.8                        | 11.2                 |
| KCl                               | 1.8                        | 7.3                  |
| KHCO <sub>3</sub>                 | 2.5                        | 10.0                 |
| Potassium citrate                 | 2.8                        | 11.2                 |
| MgSO <sub>4</sub> (anhydrous)     | 1.5                        | 6.0                  |
| CaCl <sub>2</sub>                 | 1.4                        | 5.5                  |
| Calcium gluconate                 | 1.6                        | 6.4                  |
| Ca                                | 3.0                        | 12.0                 |
| NH <sub>4</sub> Cl                | 1.4                        | 5.5                  |

After calculating the amount needed, select the solution to be used by referring to the following list of solutions.

#### IV FLUIDS AVAILABLE FOR CORRECTING ELECTROLYTE DISTURBANCES

Many fluids to meet various therapeutic needs have been devised and are commercially obtainable. The following is a partial list of the solutions available based on their electrolyte content. Isotonicity and fluidity are important considerations. Some available solutions may be added to other fluids. When these or any other electrolyte solutions are added, be certain the final fluid is still isotonic and preferably isotonic or hypotonic when being given I.V. Isotonic solutions are 5% glucose in water. Solutions of electrolyte containing about 150 mEq each of anions and cations per liter.

If the fluid is considered in terms of the milliequivalent per liter of the individual ion, then, than a percentage it becomes easier to select the best fluid to correct the disturbances that are present. By thinking of fluids in terms of mEq/liter, one can also determine the amount necessary to meet a disturbed electrolyte fluid balance. That may occur, e.g., hypertonic NaCl (3.5%) solutions to treat sodium deficiency. Electrolyte deficiencies can be calculated from the formula on page 22. Before selecting the solution, the fluid must also be determined and considered in selecting the total volume needed.

## 24 Intravenous Fluids

### Neutral Solutions Containing Only Sodium and Chloride

- A Isotonic Solution** Isotonic Sodium Chloride Solution U S P  
Injection of Sodium Chloride B P (0.85%)  
Use. Most widely used isotonic solution To replace lost base (Na) and chloride

| Constituents | % Sol | Gm<br>per liter | mEq / liter of ions |     |
|--------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|-----|
|              |       |                 | Na                  | Cl  |
| NaCl         | 0.85  | 8.5             | 145                 | 145 |

### B Hypotonic Solution (0.45%)

Use. To replace lost base (Na) and chloride and to allow excess water for metabolic needs

| Constituents | % Sol | Gm<br>per liter | mEq / liter of ions |    |
|--------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|----|
|              |       |                 | Na                  | Cl |
| NaCl         | 0.45  | 4.5             | 77                  | 77 |

### C Hypertonic Solutions Variable sodium chloride concentrations (3% and 5% given below)

Use. To replace sodium and chloride in the treatment of low sodium concentration (see page 22)

| Constituents | % Sol | Gm<br>per liter | mEq / liter of ions |     |
|--------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|-----|
|              |       |                 | Na                  | Cl  |
| NaCl         | 3     | 30              | 513                 | 513 |
| NaCl         | 5     | 50              | 855                 | 855 |

### Solutions Yielding Free Base Containing Only Sodium

Use. To replace sodium without added anion (usually for cases of metabolic acidosis)

#### A Sodium Lactate

- Concentrate (to be added to other fluids) 1 molar solution 1000 mEq / L (112.3% solution, 112 Gm / L) Concentrate supplied in ampules of 40 cc containing 40 mEq / ampule
- Isotonic Sixth molar sodium lactate

| Constituent | % Sol | Gm<br>per liter | mEq / liter of ions |         |
|-------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|---------|
|             |       |                 | Na                  | Lactate |
| Sod lactate | 1.87  | 18.7            | 167                 | 167     |

#### B Sodium Bicarbonate

- Concentrate May be injected directly or added to other fluids Supplied in ampules of 50 cc containing 45 mEq / ampule (3.75 Gm in 50 cc solution)
- Sodium bicarbonate may be prepared for injection by adding chemically pure sodium bicarbonate to cool sterile distilled water Do not autoclave or boil solution after  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  has been added 1 Gm  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  12 mEq

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Lactate is oxidized to  $\text{CO}_2$  therefore this compound yields free base

Immediate and severe reactions on readministration. Fever, angioneurotic edema, urticarial and other rashes, and periarthritis nodosa may occur.

History of previous administration should be obtained. Cross sensitivity to various sulfonamides may exist. Severe symptoms may be avoided by giving a 1st dose of 0.5 Gm (7½ gr) and observing for 6 hours.

#### C Pre-treatment

1. Hemoglobin determination and white blood cell count every other day. Differential if WBC is less than 6000. Discontinue sulfonamides if granulocyte count is less than 50%.
2. Daily fresh urine for pH (use nitrazine paper) and edlin to increase alkali (sodium bicarbonate) if pH is less than 7.0. Discontinue drug if red blood cells are found in urine (see above). Increase urine output if less than 1500 cc per day or crystalluria occurs (must be examined for in a fresh specimen).
3. Daily observation of patient for drug fever, rash, jaundice, nausea, vomiting, etc.

#### Contraindications to Sulfonamide

1. History of previous hypersensitivity.
2. Renal insufficiency (Very small doses may be used with caution).
3. Liver damage (Proceed with caution if essential).
4. Heart failure (If sulfonamides are absolutely necessary, substitute potassium bicarbonate for sodium bicarbonate as alkalinizing agent).

### PARA AMINO SALICYLIC ACID (PAS)

Para amino salicylic acid (PAS) and its sodium salt have been found to exert considerable bacteriostatic activity. Tubercle bacilli resistant to streptomycin may be susceptible to PAS, and vice versa. The simultaneous administration of PAS and streptomycin delays the emergence of strains of tubercle bacilli resistant to the latter. In addition to the bacteriostatic effect, a diuretic activity is present.

PAS is absorbed readily from the gastrointestinal tract. Peak serum concentrations are reached in 30 to 60 minutes and minimum levels are again reached in 4 hours. PAS may be administered orally, intravenously, and subcutaneously.

#### Dosage

- A. Oral. 2 to 3 Gm (30-45 gr) every 6 hours.
- B. Intravenous. 12 Gm in 3% solution given in 2 doses 6 hours apart. 5 mg of heparin should be added to each lot.

#### Toxicity

As with virtually all other drugs, fever, dermatitis, crystaluria, hematuria, and hypoprothrombinemia may be observed. Gastrointestinal symptoms may apparently be avoided by parenteral administration of sodium PAS.

| Constituents      | % Sol | Gm<br>per liter | mEq / liter of ion |                |                 |                 |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                   |       |                 | Na <sup>+</sup>    | K <sup>+</sup> | Cl <sup>-</sup> | Cl <sup>-</sup> |
| NaCl              | 0.88  | 8.8             | 145                |                |                 | 145             |
| KCl               | 0.03  | 0.3             |                    | 4              |                 | 4               |
| CaCl <sub>2</sub> | 0.033 | 0.33            |                    |                | 4               | 4               |
| Total             |       |                 | 145                | 4              | 4               | 153             |

- B Concentration of Potassium, Magnesium, Calcium (KMC<sup>®</sup>) (To be added to half isotonic or more concentrated fluids) Contains 25 mEq K<sup>+</sup> 10 mEq Ca<sup>++</sup> 10 mEq Mg<sup>++</sup> 45 mEq Cl<sup>-</sup> / 10 cc ampule or

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| KCl               | 1.8 Gm |
| MgCl <sub>2</sub> | 45 Gm  |
| CaCl <sub>2</sub> | 55 Gm  |

} in 10 cc

### 5. Stress of Mixed Electrolyte and Vitamins Parenteral

\_\_\_\_\_ Ca + where b \_\_\_\_\_ and p + \_\_\_\_\_ sum replacement is required simultaneously

- A Low Potassium, Low Free Base Lactated Ringer's Solution  
 U.S.P. Chemical Injection of Sodium Lactate B.P.  
 (Hartmann's) (lactonic)

| Constituent       | % Sol | Gm<br>per lit | mEq / liter of ion |   |     |       |
|-------------------|-------|---------------|--------------------|---|-----|-------|
|                   |       |               | Na                 | K | Cl  | Cl    |
| NaCl              | 0.4   | 4.0           | 16                 |   |     | 16    |
| KCl               | 0.03  | 0.3           |                    | 4 |     | 4     |
| CaCl <sub>2</sub> | 0.02  | 0             |                    |   | 3.5 | 3.5   |
| Sol. Lactate      | 0.3   | 3.0           | 27                 |   |     |       |
| Total             |       |               | 43                 | 4 | 3.5 | 100.5 |
| Free Na           |       |               | 27                 |   |     |       |

- B High Potassium, High Free Base Darrow's Solution (KNL)  
 (isotonic)

| Constituent    | % Sol | Gm<br>per lit | mEq / liter of ion |    |     |         |
|----------------|-------|---------------|--------------------|----|-----|---------|
|                |       |               | Na                 | K  | Cl  | Lactate |
| NaCl           | 0.4   | 4.0           | 70                 |    | 70  |         |
| Sodium Lactate | 0.6   | 6.0           | 53                 |    |     | 53      |
| KCl            | 0.27  | 2.7           |                    | 35 | 35  |         |
| Total          |       |               | 123                | 35 | 105 | 53      |
| Free Na        |       |               | 53                 |    |     |         |

- C Various Intravenous Solutions containing less K<sup>+</sup> and less free base are also available Gastric Electrolyte Solution  
 With 10% Dextrose (Baxter) isotonic

| Constituent    | % Sol | Gm<br>per liter | mEq / liter of ion |                |                 |         |
|----------------|-------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|
|                |       |                 | Na                 | K <sup>+</sup> | Cl <sup>-</sup> | Lactate |
| NaCl           | 0.51  | 5.1             | 88                 |                | 88              |         |
| KCl            | 0.09  | 0.9             |                    | 12             | 12              |         |
| Sodium Lactate | 0.56  | 5.6             | 50                 |                |                 | 50      |
| Dextrose       | (10)  | (100)           |                    |                |                 |         |
| Total          |       |                 | 138                | 12             | 100             | 50      |
| Free Na        |       |                 | 50                 |                |                 |         |

Sodium lactate is equivalent to free base

Uptake of  $\text{Mg}$  and  $\text{Fe}$  Electrolytes by Living Fr A 13

(last) b/c it's a little more like the (last r)



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per hour by use of 1 needle or 500-1000 cc (1/2-1 qt) per hour with 2 needles. Usual practical maximum is 3000-4000 cc (3-4 qt) per day. Care must be taken to avoid overdiluting the tissue. This can cause avascularity which may lead to tissue necrosis. When giving glucose solutions 2 1/2% in half normal saline is preferred. 5% may be given in water but not to debilitated elderly patients. Never give in concentrations over 5% glucose to any patient.

To facilitate absorption hyaluronidase may be used. 250 viscosity units are used per 500-1000 cc of fluid. The material may be injected into the subcutis of the hypodermoclysis site into the site of insertion of the needles or may be dissolved in the solution. The rate of fluid absorption is increased up to about 12 times.

## VENOCLYSIS

The intravenous is the route of choice for extra alimentary administration of fluids and nutrients. Fluids, electrolytes, glucose and protein can be administered by this method. The following are the normal requirements.

### Water

The only way water can be given I.V. without electrolytes to supply the obligatory needs of the body is as a solution of 5% or 10% glucose or fructose in distilled water. NEVER administer plain distilled water I.V. Prot in hydrolysates may contain significant quantities of electrolytes (NaCl usually) and the end products give rise to urea (see page 12).

### Electrolytes (Minerals)

- A. Sodium Sodium chloride (NaCl) is the most important electrolyte. Average daily intake is 3 to 5 Gm (45-75 gr). Average daily requirements 500-1000 cc (1 pt-1 qt) of physiological (0.85-0.90%) saline. If conditions leading to excessive NaCl loss are present added salt may be given. Otherwise do not give over 1 liter (1 qt) physiological saline (8.5-9.0 Gm) daily.
- B. Potassium If parenteral therapy is to be continued for over 3 to 5 days one should supply more complete electrolyte replacement especially potassium losses. Average daily basal potassium requirement is about 2 to 4 Gm of KCl (25-50 mEq of potassium). This may be done by use of solutions containing potassium or by adding potassium chloride to saline or glucose (see page 25). Potassium solutions must be administered slowly (~5 mEq/liter of K<sup>+</sup> in ~3 hours). Never administer potassium I.V. in the presence of poor renal function.

### Glucose

May give as 5% or 10% solution. Preferably administered in distilled water but may be given in saline. Never give more rapidly than 0.8 Gm per Kg (1 dr/10 lb) per hour. This is maximum rate of utilization. When given more rapidly than this glycosuria and concomitant fluid loss usually result. In cases where caloric need is great and fluid restriction is necessary more concentrated glucose (20-50%) may be given I.V. very slowly.

1 part 3 g

2 g 1 parts glucose and fructose have recently been shown to be utilized somewhat more rapidly than glucose and so can be administered more rapidly. The difference however is not marked.

Protein

A Am. 2 A 10. Usually given as Protein Hydrolysate N N R and usually administered as 3.5% solution (usually in 5% glucose in distilled water). Higher concentration of protein may be used but the solution is then often too thick or irritating. Solution must be administered slowly about 1 liter (1 qt.) in 2 hours. The materials are prepared with very low electrolyte concentrations (one minimal) by different companies and the concentration should be checked if electrolyte restriction is important.

1. Definite contraindications to intravenous protein hydrolysate (Elman)

- a. Solution which has been open for over 1 hour or is not crystal clear should not be used.
- b. Untoward reaction of allergic type. Urticaria, angio-neurotic edema, skin rashes (Tran) in nausea or vomiting are not contraindications. Nausea and vomiting are usually due to too rapid administration of the protein hydrolysate.

2. Questionable contraindications. Postoperative anoxia

B Citrat 4 Norm 1 H m Pl m U S P. has about 7% protein. It is an excellent source of protein which can be administered freely. Plasma contains sodium chloride in the same concentration as physiological saline so limit usually is 1 liter (1 qt.) per day. The principal advantages of plasma are the danger of producing homologous serum jaundice (even if treated by ultraviolet irradiation) and the high cost of the material.

C Norm 1 H m Serum Albumin U S P or Salt poor Serum Albumin. An excellent source of protein. 25 Gm albumin per 100 cc solution is equivalent in osmotic pressure to 500 cc of plasma. This is an excellent way to administer protein in a minimal fluid volume and with low salt intake by giving the salt poor material. Albumin is very expensive.

General Indications of Intravenous Alimentation

A soon as possible, or feeding should be started. It is usually impossible to administer adequate calories by intravenous means. The following chart outlines the general principles of physiological limits of intravenous alimentation. The principal limiting factor is the fluid intake. The administration of 3000 cc of 5% protein hydrolysate in 5% glucose solution would give the following amounts of fluid, electrolyte and nutrient material.

| Fluid   | Mineral<br>(as NaCl) | Glucose | Protein<br>Hydrolysate | Calori |
|---------|----------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|
| 3000 cc | Up to 80 Gm          | 150 Gm  | 150 Gm                 | 1200   |

Each Gm protein hydrolysate may contain up to 2 Gm NaCl although most products now contain less.

## Chapter 3

# GENERAL SYMPTOMATIC TREATMENT

## TREATMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL SYMPTOMS

### PYREXIA (Fever) (code No. 003)

Measures specifically directed toward depression of an elevated body temperature per se are usually not indicated except for high and prolonged fevers.

#### A Removal of the Specific Cause of the Fever

1. Infections See individual specific diseases.

2. Drugs or chemicals Many drugs (e.g., sulfonamids) are capable of inducing febrile reactions.

3. Dehydration Provide adequate oral or parenteral fluid.

4. Impairment of C.N.S. heat regulating center This poses a difficult therapeutic problem. Provide for optimal oxygenation and hydration of tissues and prevent excessive hyperthermia by artificial measures if indicated (see below).

#### B Reduction of the Fever by Non-specific Means When the body

temperature is greater than 40°C (104°F) particularly if prolonged, the following measures may be utilized:

1. Increased fluid intake By oral or parenteral routes.

2. Warm alcohol sponges Cooling due to evaporation.

3. Warm or tepid baths These cause peripheral vasodilatation.

4. Cold sponges Provide prompt cooling of skin and psychological relief but interfere with heat loss.

5. Ice bag Provide local comfort e.g., for headache.

6. Antipyretic drugs Quite effective in reducing fever and have a simultaneous antipyretic and analgesic effect. They have the disadvantage that they obscure the clinical picture and may cause undesirable side effects such as diaphoresis, skin eruptions, hematologic changes, nausea and vomiting, cardiovascular depression, etc. Such drugs therefore are to be employed cautiously in infectious fevers and are preferably not used in the enteric fevers (e.g., typhoid fever). The following antipyretic drugs administered every 4 hours per os are among the most commonly used and are probably least apt to produce untoward reactions:

a. Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin) 0.3-0.6 Gm. (5-10 gr.)

b. Sodium salicylate 0.3-0.6 Gm. (5-10 gr.)

c. Acetophenetidin (phenacetin) 0.3-0.6 Gm. (5-10 gr.)

SHOCK (Circulatory Failure or Collapse)  
(code No. 0x8)

Shock is complex and may include any or all of the following: 1. A decrease in the volume of circulating blood, 2. A decrease in the rate of blood flow, 3. A decrease in the oxygen content of the blood, 4. A decrease in the ability of the blood to deliver oxygen to the tissues, 5. A decrease in the ability of the tissues to utilize oxygen.

- [illegible]

- B. Secondary Shock (Delayed or prolonged or True Shock) The onset of this form of shock may be fatal. It is a vicious cycle. It is a sign of cold pale or cyanotic skin swelling of the extremities (e.g. r 100) and arteriolar hypotension, though I believe my peripheral arteries and soft pressure develop shock. Unfortunately delayed shock often is fatal to the most vigorous shock the day. It is a vicious cycle. The shock is irreversible. The possibility that shock may or may not always be anticipated in distinction to the above mentioned a form of shock (primary) is considered. Shock may result from any of the following:
1. Loss of blood (internal or external)
  2. Loss of plasma from the extracellular body cavities (peritonitis)
  3. Loss of plasma into the interstitial space (e.g. burns, edema)
  4. Tissue damage
  5. Adrenal insufficiency
  6. Dehydration
  7. A variety of overwhelming infections (e.g. septicemia)

- 1 **Body position** Place patient in the "shock position" (see page 3) unless he has a head injury
- 2 **Maintain an adequate airway**
- 3 **Body warmth** Keep the patient comfortably warm. Avoid chilling or excessive externally applied heat since this will further dilate the peripheral vessels.
- 4 **Pain** Control pain (particularly if severe) promptly by the use of appropriate first aid measures and analgesic drugs. Give morphine sulfate 10-30 mg (1/8-1/2 gr) subcut for pain but remember that subcut absorption is poor in patients in shock. In case of severe pain morphine sulfate 10-15 mg (1/8-1/4 gr) i.v. may be used to great advantage. Do not give morphine to unconscious patients or to patients who have head injuries or those with respiratory depression. Avoid overdosage with morphine; substitute barbiturates and salicylates for sedation and analgesia whenever possible.
- 5 **Allay apprehension** by reassuring word and action. Pentobarbital sodium 0.1 Gm (1 1/2 gr) orally or 0.13 Gm (2 gr) subcut or by rectal suppository may be of value.
- 6 **Parenteral fluid therapy** Replace and maintain adequate blood volume. Need for this may be obtained by the history, vital signs and hematocrit studies. The clinical determination of effective blood volume is difficult however, and is subject to considerable variation. There is no single technique or rule upon which to judge the fluid requirements. Response to therapy is a valuable index.
  - a **Saline or glucose solutions** Give immediately 500 cc physiological saline or 5-10% dextrose solution or 200 cc of 5% physiological saline solution (may be given rapidly i.v. while making preparations for plasma, serum, albumin or whole blood). Plasma, serum, albumin and whole blood exert a more sustained increase in blood volume through the colloidal osmotic pressure effect than do dextrose or electrolyte solutions.
  - b **Plasma or serum albumin** Any of the various plasma preparations such as dried or frozen plasma or serum albumin may be employed depending upon their availability. Plasma is most readily procurable, may be rapidly set up for administration and does not require preliminary blood typing. The quantity of plasma to be given depends upon the stage of shock and the response to therapy based upon both clinical and laboratory studies.
    - (1) **Impending shock** Administer 500 cc plasma immediately and follow closely clinically and with hematocrit studies to determine need for further plasma.
    - (2) **Early or advanced shock** Administer 500 cc plasma immediately and repeat with 500 cc every half hour up to a total of two liters depending upon clinical course and hematocrit findings. If shock persists following such therapy the prognosis is very poor.
  - c **Whole blood** If plasma is unavailable or if anemia is present whole blood may be administered as needed.
  - d **Plasma expanders** Evidence during the last few years supports the view that there are several effective plasma

substitute for emergency treatment of shock. These agents have high molecular weights, high oncotic pressures, and the necessary viscosity. They have the added advantage of not causing infectious hepatitis.

- (1) Protins - e.g. gelatin 5% solution
- (2) Carbohydrates - e.g. dextran 6% solution
- (3) Synthetic polysaccharide
- (4) Synthetic polymers - e.g. polyvinylpyrrolidone

7 Vasopressor drugs. These agents are more effective in hypotensive shock without associated decrease in blood volume (e.g. spinal anesthesia syncope, acute intoxication) although they may be employed in severe shock due to any cause.

a Levartierol Nitrate (N.N.R. (Levophed®)). Considered to be very effective but great care must be used to avoid extravasation. The drug is best given by continuous infusion of a solution containing 4 mg of levartierol diluted in one liter of 5% dextrose. The initial solution should contain 4 mg per liter. Increase the concentration if a rapid flow is necessary to produce adequate circulation in pressure. The flow of levartierol is controlled so that 20-40 drops per minute may be given to stabilize the blood pressure at the required level without administration of too large a total fluid volume. After several hours the flow may be reduced gradually to determine whether it is necessary to continue the drug. The infusion has been used effectively in some patients for a number of days with a significant reduction in mortality from shock.

b Phenyphrin hydrochloride (Neophenphrin Hydrochloride®) 0.5 mg I.V. or 5 mg I.M. repeated in an hour if necessary to maintain the blood pressure. 0.5 mg I.V. infusions of 100-150 mg per liter of 5% glucose in 1% glucose slowly continued until the rate of administration by the response of the patient. 5-20 mg I.V. given 1 mg per minute by continuous I.V. infusion or 15-20 mg I.M. repeated in 30-60 minutes as needed to maintain the systolic pressure at 100 mm Hg or in previous hypotensive patient at 120 mm Hg.

B Specific (Definitive) Measures

- 1 Anoxia (Hypoxia). Anoxia is probably present as a primary or complicating factor in all types of shock. Therefore administration of oxygen may be considered for most patients in shock. In some patients is in shock oxygen may be indicated for other reasons (cardiac failure, pneumonia, etc.). However, the patient in impending shock is apprehensive and the oxygen mask is not frequently tolerated when the patient is in a laboratory setting; coexisting acidosis is treated with appropriate intravenous fluids (see page 20).
- 2 Acidosis. Not frequently encountered when the patient is in laboratory setting. Administer 300-1000 cc of physiological saline or 5% dextrose solution I.V. or by hypodermoclysis as soon as the patient can swallow fluids.

mouth. Unless there is specific clinical or biochemical evidence of sodium deficiency avoid administration of more than one liter of physiological saline on the first day. Subsequent parenteral fluids may be given as dextrose solutions. Follow the principles of fluid administration mentioned on pages 10-13.

4. **Adrenal cortical failure.** Adrenocortical steroid therapy has been found to be effective in shock-like states associated with serious medical emergencies. Although treatment is most specifically applied to shock of Addison's crisis, it may also be of spectacular value in certain acute allergic emergencies and overwhelming intoxications. Hydrocortisone (free alcohol or infusion concentrate for I.V. use) 100-150 mg. daily in 1000 cc. 5% glucose or saline by slow I.V. drip.
5. **Cardiac failure.** Digitalis and other treatment for cardiac failure are indicated only for those patients with pre-existing or presuspected occurrence of cardiac failure (see page 182). Digitalis is of no value in shock due to any other cause.
6. **Infection.** Immediate measures should be taken to combat infection if present. Overwhelming infections are capable of producing sufficient metabolic changes in the body tissues to predispose to shock. Prophylactic use of antibiotic drugs in pre-shock or shock patients who are potentially threatened with severe infection (e.g., burn patients) is recommended.
7. **Hemorrhage and anemia.** Although plasma is usually given as an emergency measure in shock complicating hemorrhage, acute anemia must be corrected by replacement with whole blood to prevent hypoxia. The quantity of whole blood to be given will depend upon hematocrit studies.

**C. Evaluation of Emergency Therapy.** Constant observation of patient is imperative. The pulse, respiration, temperature (rectal), and blood pressure should be evaluated immediately and every 15-30 minutes or oftener thereafter until there is definite improvement of the peripheral circulation.

1. **Rapid recovery.** If vital signs return rapidly to normal keep patient under close observation but withhold further anti-shock therapy. Check vital signs every half hour. Perform hematocrit studies if there is any suspicion whatever that secondary shock exists. Remember that hemoconcentration usually precedes blood pressure and pulse changes. After eliminating potential or existing shock-producing factors, the patient may be managed expectantly until it is reasonably certain that danger has passed.
2. **Prolonged recovery.** If the vital signs remain abnormal for even a brief period after initial measures or show evidence of further progression of peripheral circulatory failure, institute further vigorous anti-shock therapy. Blood hemoglobin, RBC, and hematocrit should be determined immediately for a baseline and should be repeated as often as necessary to evaluate the results of therapy.

# INSOMNIA (Sleeplessness) (code No 916)

Insomnia is either a failure to fall asleep frequently or waking from sleep or inability to remain asleep for normal period. Individual sleep requirements however may vary greatly depending upon health, physical activity, training, etc. The causes of insomnia are multiple. Emotional or mental hyperactivity is the common cause of parasthenia in insomnia.

A Psychosomatic Direct measurement of the correlation of all factors of sleeping and waking (see page 42). Mental relaxation techniques and physical therapy methods could be included under the heading of palliative psychotherapy.

## B General Measures

- 1 Promotion of optimum regular sleep
  - a Easily digestible foods in reasonable quantities
  - b Treatment of existing systemic diseases
  - c Adequate rest and recreation activities and exercise
- 2 Relief of annoying symptoms which interfere with sleep
  - a Pain (all types) and Pyrexia
  - b Pruritus
  - c Nausea
  - d Dyspnea and orthopnea
  - e Diarrhea
  - f Cough
  - g Urinary disturbance
- 3 Quiet pre-bedtime activity. Reduction of exciting activities especially in the pre-bedtime period. In an individual case it is probably advisable for susceptible individuals to avoid sitting or thought provoking reading, games, drama or movies for a period of 1-2 hours before bedtime. Encourage light reading and other non-stimulating activities.
- 4 Rejection of stimulating beverages and drugs especially after 3:00 p.m. e.g. tea, coffee, tobacco, phedrine like drug and amphetamine compounds.
- 5 Provision of adequate sleeping facilities e.g. comfortable bed and a quiet and dark room with adequate ventilation, temperature and humidity.
- 6 Warm bath before bedtime may have a relaxing effect.
- 7 Warm milk taken at bedtime may also have a relaxing effect.

C Hypnotic Agents The routine use of hypnotic drugs to control insomnia is not only improper but may also be dangerous because of habituation, drowsiness, danger of falling from beds, etc. The following agents may be used in a combination with individual needs.

- 1 Wine (sweet sherry or similar) 60 (2 oz) orally at bedtime.
- 2 Whisky 30 cc (1 oz) diluted with water orally at bedtime.
- 3 Phenobarbital U.S.P. Phenobarbital B.P. orally has a low (30-60 minute) action and exerts a prolonged effect (8 hours) and palliative properties to have a hangover effect created by kidney and the effort to control and indicated in insufficient sleep.
  - a Phenobarbital U.S.P. Phenobarbital B.P. 0.1-0.2 Gm (1 1/2-3 gr) orally has a palliative effect.
  - b Phenobarbital Elixir U.S.P. 15-30 cc (4-8 dr) in 15 mg per 4 cc orally has a palliative effect.
  - c Phenobarbital Sodium U.S.P. Phenobarbital B.P. 0.085-0.1 Gm (1 1/2-1 1/4 gr) as 10% solution.



- 4 Pentobarbital Sodium U S P Pentobarbitone Sodium, N F orally has a more rapid effect (15-30 minutes) and shorter duration of action (4-6 hours) than phenobarbital. It is excreted by the liver and is therefore contraindicated in hepatic insufficiency.
  - a Pentobarbital Sodium U S P Pentobarbitone Sodium N F 0.1-0.2 Gm ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 gr) orally h s p r n
  - b Pentobarbital Sodium Elixir (N C A) 16-32 cc (4-8 dr) contains 20 mg per 4 cc orally h s p r n
  - c Pentobarbital Sodium rectal suppository (N C A) 0.13 Gm 1-2 inserted rectally h s p r n
  - d Pentobarbital Sodium Sterile U S P 0.5 Gm administered as a freshly prepared 5% solution, I M or I V (slowly and not more than 1 cc per minute)

Toxic reactions to barbiturates include excitement and delirium (especially in children and in elderly debilitated or febrile patients), drug addiction, barbiturate dermatitis, circulatory depression, and respiratory depression.
- 5 Chlorhydrate U S P N F (12.5% Sol) 2-4 cc (0.25-0.50 Gm) orally h s p r n
- 6 Sodium Bromide Elixir N F (17.5% Sol) 1-2 dr h s p r n
- 7 Paraldehyde U S P N F A useful agent since the clean stock solution is sterile and can be used for oral, rectal, I M or I V administration as needed. The drug has an unpleasant odor. It may be used in delirium.
  - a Oral 4-16 cc (1-4 dr) in cracked ice with milk, fruit juice or whiskey
  - b Rectal 16-32 cc (4-8 dr) in 30-60 cc (1-2 oz) of a vegetable oil (1 to 2:1 dilution)
  - c I M 3-10 cc (1-2½ dr) (Preferably deep in buttocks)
  - d I V 1-2 cc (15-30%) very slowly **CAUTION** May cause respiratory arrest or pulmonary edema

### PAIN (General Aspects) (code No. 518)

Concepts of pain and pain mechanisms are highly controversial and for that reason all classifications of pain remain quite arbitrary. For practical purposes there are two principal types of pain: superficial and deep. Pain is sharply localized in superficial structures and diffusely or poorly localized in deeper structures. Deep pain may result in referred pain. Pain may occur as a result of multiple types of stimuli acting upon the various body structures. The relief of pain may be achieved by removal of the stimulus or neutralization of the effects of the stimulus and when these are not feasible by dulling or obliterating the sensation of pain.

#### Analgesic Drugs

Drugs which dull or obliterate pain without producing loss of consciousness (cf. narcotics)

Aspirin The most commonly used of the various analgesics and frequently employed for self-medication.

1 Actions and indications They are antipyretic, analgesic, antirheumatic and uricosuric in action and are useful in

relieving myalgias neuralgias arthralgias headache and dysmenorrhea

- 2 Preparations dosage and administration are as follows
  - a Acetylsalicylic Acid U.S.P. B.P. (aspirin or ASA) plain or enteric-coated 0.3 Gm (5 gr) tablets Ordinary dosage is 0.3 to 0.6 Gm (5 to 10 gr) every 4 hours per os 0.3 Gm (5 gr) every 2 to 3 hours is stated to be more effective and results in fewer untoward reactions than larger doses at less frequent intervals. The plain preparation may cause gastric distress which may be avoided by administration of the drug on a full stomach or with 1/2 tsp of baking soda or other antacid. The enteric preparation is slow acting but it prevents gastric irritation and is also useful for those patients who might be skeptical of the analgesic value of ordinary aspirin. In certain cases it may be necessary to administer the powdered aspirin rectally in a thin starch paste.
  - b Sodium Salicylate U.S.P. B.P. plain or enteric-coated, 0.3 to 0.6 Gm (5 to 10 gr) every 4 hours per os
  - c Acetylsalicylic acid compound (aspirin compound or APC), a synergistic combination
 

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Acetylsalicylic acid | 0.32 gr | liis    |
| Phenacetin           | 0.16    | gr liis |
| Caffein              | 0.032   | gr is   |

 Sig 1 tablet every 3 to 4 hours per os
  - d Aspirin and codeine preparations (see below)
  - e Analgesic sedative mixture
 

|                        |          |         |
|------------------------|----------|---------|
| Sodium salicylate      | 10 to 15 | g illiv |
| Ellir of phenobarbital | q ad     | 120 g i |

 Sig 1 tsp every 4 hours per os
 

|                      |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Pentobarbital sodium | 0.032 | gr ss |
| Acetylsalicylic acid | 0.32  | gr v  |

 Sig 1 capsule every 4 hours per os
  - f Methyl Salicylate (Oil of Wintergreen) U.S.P. For external use as a liniment to sore muscles or joints. A 10% preparation in oil of olivum.
- 3 Untoward reaction Usually mild consisting of sour stomach and diarrhea but large doses may cause tinnitus deafness blurring of vision, nausea and vomiting diarrhea diaphoresis headache and delirium. In certain sensitive patients salicylate may cause tinnitus and acute laryngedema.
- B Aspirin-tinin U.S.P. Phenacetin B.P. 0.3 Gm (5 gr) every 3 to 4 hours may be employed in certain cases of salicylate intolerance. In general, however, this drug is more toxic than other analgesic preparations and prolonged use is not advised. Its principal value is in analgesic combination (e.g. APC).
- C Colicine U.S.P. (see Gout page 321)

# Narcotic Drug

Drug which relieves pain and at the same time produces euphoria sleep or stupor. Pain relief occurs prior to loss of consciousness. Indicated for relief of pain of degree greater than that by analgesic or when pain is of type not susceptible to analgesic drugs (e.g. visceral pain). All of the following drugs

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known to produce tolerance. There are 2 should always be discontinued as soon as the need for it is past.

### A Codeine Phosphate, L.S.I. B.I.

1 Actions and indications Pharmacologically similar to morphine but of lesser intensity. C.N.S. depression in ordinary dosages but C.N.S. stimulation in higher dosages diminishes cough reflex decreases bowel motility (constipating). Preferred over morphine for relief of moderate degrees of pain because it is much less habit forming, is much safer and results in fewer untoward reactions.

2 Preparations Dosages and modes of administration

a Codeine Phosphate, L.S.I. B.P. 0.008 0.065 Gm (1/4 1 gr) orally or subcut every 3-4 hours p.r.n. Ordinarily 1/2 0.065 Gm (1 gr) is ineffective for analgesia; use stronger narcotics since larger doses of codeine are attended by untoward side reaction.

b Codeine and acetylsalicylic acid (codein and aspirin)

Codeine phosphate 0.008 0.065 gr 1/4 1

Acetylsalicylic acid 0.2 0.6 gr v x

Sig 1 tablet every 3-4 hours p.r.n.

Codeine and acetylsalicylic acid compound

Codeine phosphate 0.016 0.065 gr 1/4 1

Acetylsalicylic acid 0.2 0.6 gr illas

Phenacilin 0.160 gr illas

Cafeine 0.032 gr aa

Sig 1 tablet every 3-4 hours p.r.n.

3 Untoward reactions Allergic reactions such as urticaria, pruritus, contact dermatitis and even anaphylactic response may occur. Addiction is much less apt to follow use of this drug than use of morphine.

### B Meperidine Hydrochloride, U.S.P. Pethidine Hydrochloride

B.I. (Demerol<sup>®</sup> Dilantin<sup>®</sup>) 0.050 0.100 Gm (3/4 1 1/2 gr) orally or I.M. (not subcut) every 3-4 hours p.r.n. is stated to be especially useful for pain associated with smooth muscle spasm (except biliary spasm) although this is disputed. It may be given to individuals who do not tolerate morphine and is less apt than morphine to cause nausea, vomiting, and respiratory depression. Analgesic effect is less than with morphine.

Dilaudid<sup>®</sup> and methadone. Addiction tendency definitely exists.

### C Methadone Hydrochloride, N.N.R. (Amidon<sup>®</sup> Dolophin<sup>®</sup>)

0.005 0.010 Gm (1/12 1/6 gr) subcut or I.M. every 3-4 hours p.r.n. provides analgesia of a level similar to morphine but is slower acting and has a more cumulative action. It is stated to be especially useful for the relief of chronic pain because analgesic tolerance develops more slowly than with morphine. Untoward reactions to the drug are similar to those due to morphine and the addiction tendency is about the same. The drug is not tolerated well orally.

### D Morphine Sulfate This drug remains the most valuable of the potent narcotics for general clinical use.

1 Actions and indications Central nervous system depression resulting in powerful analgesia associated with sedation, euphoria and hypnosis; selective respiratory center depression and dulling or abolition of the cough reflex. It increases intracranial pressure, has marked nausea inducing and emetic



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psychotic complaints. Remember that somatic complaints of bizarre character are frequently encountered in both neurosis and psychosis.

- 1 General behavior. Appearance, speech, action and attitudes
- 2 Emotion (mood). Anxiety, agitation, elation or depression
- 3 Thought content. Illusions, delusions or hallucinations
- 4 Insight. Judgment, orientation, memory and intelligence

### General Treatment

A Treatment of Psychosomatic Symptom. Refractory, covering a large area, often on it may be advisable to give relief by treating symptoms. All of the foregoing references deal with the use of drugs. Rapid response to a small and anti-psychotic drugs may be utilized to point out susceptibility to treatment and functional nature of disease. A careful explanation of rationale of the therapy should follow using simple and understandable terms. A most useful remedy for this purpose is

B Tincture of Hydnora 100 drops

Elixir of Phobarbital q.s. ad 100 ml

Sg. 10 p. 10 d. 0 min. a

B Planning of Hygienic Living Regimen. Proceed for optimal physical and emotional recovery

- 1 Insure adequate nutrition with regular, balanced meals
- 2 Plan a workable living schedule with allowance for proper exercise, recreation, rest and sleep

Treatment of Situation in Crisis (Acute emotional disorder due to undischarged emotional stress)

A Permit the patient to ventilate his complaints. Give him the opportunity to tell his troubles (emotional catharsis). Leading questions are a considerable time, but it is generally better to allow patient to tell his own story.

B Help the patient correct or alleviate situational factor

- 1 Utilize help of general social service or welfare agency if indicated. Contact family or associates of patient when necessary to obtain additional information and effect desired change in environment

- 2 Direct advice and assistance toward simplification of personal problems. Change in environment, marital status, occupational status, etc. may at times be impossible and may complicate rather than simplify problems. Help patient find his solution but allow him to make his own decisions.

C Determine the patient's reason for his reaction to his situation. Sometimes if the patient is assisted in facing his problems objectively and red philosophy or change in attitude or reasoning towards these same problems may make his life situation more tolerable.

D Utilize sublimating (directing) techniques. Encourage patient to develop other interests, sports, hobbies and skills particularly when patient has excess of time for self preoccupation.

E Use kindly attitude. Reassurance, suggestion, persuasion and even admonition may be useful as the case demands. Avoid reproaching or arguing with patient.

Tr. in nt f Deep se ted h u os (Long standing or chronic motion [d + rde d to internal conflict and usually dating back to childhood])

A Re-education o re ori ntation t chnics should b rel g t d to train d p ychiatrist. If th are not vallabl simpl symptomatic and supportiv medical meas r d ser the gr stent consid ilon

# B AVOID

- 1 Avoid brutally confronting patient with a salia to m of n uroli symptom
- 2 Avoid pr matu e int rpr t tion of p ychiat ic d t
- 3 Avoid ang r toward pati nt be aus of fall re f impro e ment
- 4 Avoid prolongation of p ychi tri study and t timent whe it is vident that ca prog s is unsatisf t ry or d ge ous In s h a e it i b it r to ef r the p tient to in dividuals more v need to pay hial ic m thod
- 5 Psych an lyti prin ipi a not hat may b undi ted b th m peri d hand p y h i tri med ill g m y be fr ight with dang s Ne os r d f i barrier of symptomatic id s and if th s are brok down n motion l l is may be p cipit t d o th p tient may have undu r ntm t low rd the amine
- 6 Avoid ggr ai psy both py d ing cut o symptom t i ph e of p ti t a dis ase

## Evaluation f th Dep d P tient s Sub id i Risk

Th pat t m talw ys b g d d s pot tial s i id b t i in attitud s and re ponse assisth docto in det rmining thi po sibility

## A Reason to Direct Q stioning R g rding S i id i Int nt

- 1 The t wh i "al J" h may mmit sui id is not re y apt to d so
- 2 P ti nt wh of is th the d rven to di o th t l f hold n hope is pti commit s icide Th se p ti t m y think f suicid b t f lly on alth r thought from the phy ician

## B Doct pati nt R lationship

- 1 If p e t main d p ed in pit of d ctor help p ti t is a po d sui id r i k
- 2 If p ti t is re u d by doct fier a r on ble whi t p ti t is l apt t be i id l

## C R tion t P ti nt h m l E i o m t

- 1 A patie t wh h s withd w fr m r t living is poor sui idal i k
- 2 Th patient who e n with ff rt coll s o m l d ily cont t and work i p bably t s apt to be a icid l

D An in of otic sympt me us lly indi t th t th pati t is not likely to ommit ui id Th e d f ai m chanisms

## 40 Types of Diets

When preparing the food always make the servings attractive, light in color and smell, and serve at the proper temperature. The best prepared diet is one which is eaten by the patient.

### 5 - CALCULATE THE TYPE OF DIET TO BE FOLLOWED

After having calculated the basic caloric needs in Step 1, use the following table to be placed at the type of diet for the disease in question. The relative details of the diets will be found on pages 52 to 5.

## THE PRINCIPAL TYPES OF DIETS

| Disease or Disorder                                     | Diet  |
|---|---|
| Gastroenteritis<br>Peptic ulcer<br>Functional disorders | Mildly Starchy<br>High (low residue) soft consistency<br>non-stimulating  |
| Gallbladder disease<br>Liver disease<br>Constipation    | Low fat and non-gelling<br>High protein, high CHO<br>High residue   |
| Cardiovascular<br>Congestive failure<br>Hypertension    | Low sodium (see )<br>Low sodium (less than 300 mg./day)   |
| Diabetes  | Usually high protein with moderate CHO restriction (see page 53)  |
| Obesity<br>Weight loss and malnutrition                 | Low caloric, adequate protein<br>High caloric, high protein, high vitamin                                       |
| Renal<br>Nephritis                                      | Low but adequate protein<br>0.5 Gm./Kg. (0.25 Gm./lb.) body weight<br>per day plus total lb. min. lost in urine |
| Allergic<br>Food allergy                                | Special limitation  |

These diets vary in the number of calories and/or in the amount of one or more of the dietary components. The next step is to calculate these variations.

### 6 - CALCULATE THE VARIATION OF THE DIETARY COMPONENTS AS SPECIFIED BY THE DIET

After determining the basic caloric needs and selecting the type of diet, use the following table to calculate the number of calories and the amount of each dietary component for the diet. The remainder of the total calories not supplied by the fixed components of the diet may be made up with unrestricted foods.

# **VARIATIONS OF DIETARY COMPONENTS**

| Component            | Average Diet   | High or Increased   | Low or Reduced   |
|----------------------|--|---|--|
| Calories<br>(Energy) | Variably<br>(Step 1 page 43)                                   | 15-15% more<br>calories than for<br>maintenance                             | 15-17% less<br>calories than for<br>maintenance              |
| Protein              | 1 Gm/Kg<br>(0.5 Gm/lb)<br>body wt/day<br>(See Step 3<br>below) | 1.4 Gm/Kg<br>(1.2 Gm/lb)<br>body wt/day<br>(300 Gm is about<br>upper limit) | 0.5 Gm/Kg<br>(0.25 Gm/lb)<br>body wt/day<br>(See note below) |
| CHO                  | 50% of calories as<br>CHO                                      | 75% or more of<br>calories as CHO   | About 25% of<br>calories as CHO                              |
| Fat                  | About 100 Gm<br>per day  | 150-250 Gm<br>per day   | 70 Gm or less<br>per day                                     |
| Vitamin              | Supplied by well<br>balanced diet<br>(see page 45)             | As in high<br>vitamin foods or<br>supplements                               | Not indicated  |
| Minerals             |  |   |  |
| Sodium               | 5-20 Gm/day  | Above 20 Gm/day   | 0.2-2.0 Gm/day   |
| Calcium              | 0.1-1.5 Gm/day   | Above 3 Gm/day  | 0.2-0.5 Gm/day   |

Note: If calcium is abundant, the protein may go as low as 0.3 Gm/Kg (0.15 Gm/lb) body wt per day.

Having formulated the dietary prescription (Steps 1-4), prepare the actual diet by selecting foodstuff from the table in Steps 5-8 and add on the following page.

The selected food items must not only provide the desired dietary components but must also be made to fit the cationic requirements. Be sure of the very essential role of protein in the diet as well as the highly variable content of the protein food. It is advisable to begin the dietary selection with protein food. The CHO first and total calories as well as the protein value of the various foodstuffs must be kept in mind.

## **STEP 5 - DETERMINE THE PROTEIN NEED AND SELECT FOODS TO BE USED**

Proteins are necessary for growth and development and as a source of energy. On Gm of protein 4 Calories. 100 Gm of protein during its combustion may yield about 50 Gm CHO.

## **RECOMMENDED DAILY PROTEIN ALLOWANCES (N. R. C. 1953)**

|                    | Amount per unit of body weight |               |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Adult male      | 1.5-2.0 Gm/Kg                  | 0.7-0.9 Gm/lb |
| 2. Adult female    | 1.0 Gm/Kg                      | 0.5 Gm/lb     |
| 3. Pregnant women  | 1.5 Gm/Kg                      | 0.7 Gm/lb     |
| 4. Lactating women | 2.0 Gm/Kg                      | 0.9 Gm/lb     |

Most of the protein requirement is usually obtained from high protein foods which form the basis of the protein intake. After determining the amount of protein needed for the diet, select the high protein food by the use of the tables on the following page.



## HIGH PROTEIN FOODS

These proteins are interchangeable in the diet. One serving yields about 6 Gm. of protein; however, the total caloric content varies.

| Food               | Serving         | Protein |      | CHO | Fat | Total |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------|------|-----|-----|-------|
|                    |                 | Gm.     | Cal. | Gm. | Gm. | Cal.  |
| 1 Egg              | 1 medium        | 6       | 24   | 0   | 6   | 75    |
| Milk, skimmed      | 1 cup or glass  | 6       | 24   | 10  | 0.6 | 65    |
| Milk, whole        | (200 cc.)       | 6       | 24   | 10  | 8   | 130   |
| Lean meat or fish  | 1 oz. (30 Gm.)  | 6       | 24   | 0   | 5   | 70    |
| Fatty meat or fish | (30 Gm.)        | 6       | 24   | 0   | 7   | 80    |
| Fresh fowl         | 1 oz. (30 Gm.)  | 6       | 24   | 0   | 2   | 40    |
| Cottage cheese     | 1 rounded Tbsp. | 6       | 24   | 1   | 0   | 30    |
| French lentils     | 1 slice (1 oz.) | 6       | 24   | 0.5 | 8   | 100   |
| French beans       | 1/4 cup         | 6       | 24   | 2   | 3   | 60    |
| Other legumes      | 1/2 cup         | 6       | 24   | 1.5 | 1   | 100   |
| Nuts               | 1 oz.           | 6       | 24   | 2   | 16  | 200   |

## RELATIVE PROTEIN VALUES OF PROTEIN PORTIONS OF DIETS

Diets of more than 70 Gm. or less than 40 Gm. of protein can be calculated by either adding or dividing these basic portions. The table below is so arranged that proteins for low caloric (low fat) and normal or high caloric diets can be selected.

## PROTEIN PORTIONS OF DIETS

| For Low caloric (Low fat) Diet    | For Normal or High caloric Diet |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Cal.                              | Cal.                            |
| Yields 40 gm. or 160 Cal. protein |                                 |
| 1 Egg 75                          | 1 Egg 75                        |
| 2 Cups skim milk (400 cc.) 130    | 2 Cups whole milk (400 cc.) 260 |
| 3 1/2 oz. meat (lean) 245         | 3 1/2 oz. meat (med. fat) 315   |
| 450                               | 650*                            |
| Yields 30 gm. or 100 Cal. protein |                                 |
| 1 Egg 75                          | 1 Egg 75                        |
| 2 Cups skim milk (400 cc.) 130    | 2 Cups whole milk (400 cc.) 260 |
| 2 Tbsp. cottage cheese 60         | 2 Tbsp. cottage cheese 60       |
| 3 1/2 oz. meat (lean) 245         | 3 1/2 oz. meat (med. fat) 315   |
| 510                               | 710                             |
| Yields 60 gm. or 40 Cal. protein  |                                 |
| 1 Egg 75                          | 1 Egg 75                        |
| 2 Cups skim milk (400 cc.) 130    | 2 Cups whole milk (400 cc.) 260 |
| 1/2 Cup cottage cheese 240        | 1/2 Cup cottage cheese 240      |
| 3 1/2 oz. meat (lean) 245         | 3 1/2 oz. meat (med. fat) 315   |
| 690*                              | 890                             |
| Yields 70 gm. or 60 Cal. protein  |                                 |
| 1 Egg 75                          | 1 Egg 75                        |
| 2 Cups skim milk (400 cc.) 130    | 2 Cups whole milk (400 cc.) 260 |
| 1/2 Cup cottage cheese 240        | 1/2 Cup cottage cheese 240      |
| 5 oz. meat (lean) 350             | 5 oz. meat (med. fat) 450       |
| 795                               | 1025                            |

Total calories represent the caloric value derived from the carbohydrate, fat, and protein content of the foods listed.

## STEP 6 - SELECT THE CARBOHYDRATE FOODS FOR THE DIET

Carbohydrates supply energy and usually constitute the largest part of the diet (about 50%). One Gm. of CHO = 4 Cal. If ad quat CHO are given the proteins are provided as sources of energy. At least 10-15% of the diet must be CHO to prevent ketosis.

A. For rough approximation of the CHO content of foods the following figures will suffice. An average serving is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cooked or 1 cup raw vegetable slices or fruits.

| Average Serving                    | Amount of CHO | Total Calories |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Vegetable                          | 4-8 Gm        | 15             |
| Fruit                              | 12-15 Gm      | 50             |
| Slice bread, potatoes, bean cereal | 15-20 Gm      | 75             |

B. For closer approximation of the CHO content of food:

1. 5% vegetable and fruits: 100 Gm. portion yields 3-7 Gm. CHO, 1 Gm. protein, and approximately 25 Calories.

|                      |                      |                        |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Asparagus (5 stalks) | Cucumber (20 slices) | Spinach (1 c)          |
| Bamboo shoots (3/4)  | Eggplant (2 slices)  | String beans (1 c)     |
| Bean sprouts (1 c)   | Endive (1 head)      | Summer squash (1 c)    |
| Bell peppers (1 c)   | Lettuce (1/3 head)   | Tomato (1 small)       |
| Broccoli (1 c)       | Mashed greens (1 c)  | Turnip greens (1 c)    |
| Cabbage (1 1/2 c)    | Okra (10 pods)       | Cantaloupe (1/4)       |
| Cauliflower (1 c)    | Pepper (1)           | Rhubarb (1 c)          |
| Celery (5 stalks)    | Raspberries (15)     | Strawberries (12)      |
| Chard (1 1/2 c)      | Sauerkraut (2/3 c)   | Watermelon (1/2 slice) |

2. 10% vegetables and fruits: 100 Gm. portion yields 5-12 Gm. CHO, 1 Gm. protein, and approximately 40 Calories.

|                        |                       |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Artichoke (1)          | Onions (2)            | Gooseberries (2/3 c)  |
| Beets (2/3 c)          | Pumpkin (1/2 c)       | Grapes (1/2 c)        |
| Carrot (1 large)       | Rutabagas (3/4 c)     | Honeydew melon (1/10) |
| Dandelion greens (1 c) | White turnips (3/4 c) | Orange (1 c)          |
| Green beans (1 c)      | Winter squash (1 c)   | Peach (1 large)       |
| Leek (4 stalks)        | Cranberries (1 c)     | Tangerines (2)        |

3. 15% vegetables and fruits (fresh or canned without sugar): 100 Gm. portion yields 12-17 Gm. CHO, 1 Gm. protein, and approximately 50 Calories.

|                     |                    |                      |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Apple (1 medium)    | Currants (1 c)     | Peach (3/4 c)        |
| Apples (2)          | Grapes (1 c)       | Pineapple (2 slices) |
| Bananas (1 c)       | Loganberries (1 c) | Pine (3)             |
| Blueberries (2/3 c) | Nectarines (2)     | Raspberries (1 c)    |
| Cherries (18)       | Pears (1)          |                      |

4. High CHO foods: Serving yields approximately 75-100 Cal. a 1/2 c portion of whole macaroni, legumes, corn (1 c yields 3-5 Gm. protein).

b. 1/2 cup of parsnips and potatoes (1 c yields 1 Gm. protein).

c. 1 lb. of bread (1 c yields 2 Gm. protein).

d. Cereal: quivalents (1 c yields 2 Gm. protein).

(1) 4 oz.

(3) 5 p. t. l.

(2) 3 graham

(4) 3 Ry-kri p<sup>®</sup>

e Dried fruits 1/4 cup raisins 3 or 4 large prunes or  
 dat e 1 2 large figs (also yields 1 Gm. protein)

f Sugar 3 cubes or 2 heaping teaspoons

C Caloric Values of Beverages (For milk see page 48)

|           | Cal / oz (30 c) |            | Cal / oz (30 c) |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Tea       | 1               | Milk       | 12              |
| Coffee    | 0               | Dry wine   | 5               |
| Apple pie | 15              | Sweet wine | 45              |
| Cigar     | 12              | Liquor     | 75              |

Caloric values derived mainly from alcohol

THESE VALUES ARE FOR THE NORMAL ADULT MALE

The fat requirements of the body are unknown, but fat forms an important source of food. 1 Gm. fat = 9 Cal. Fats usually make up the remainder of the caloric intake after the protein and CHO portions have been selected. Most of the protein-containing foods also contain fat, which must be calculated in determining total fat intake (see page 43).

#### Caloric Value of Servings of Pure Fats

(Each quantity equals approximately 40 Calories)

1 Tbsp butter 1 Tbsp margarine 1 Tbsp animal fat 1 Tbsp oil  
 1 Tbsp lard 1 Tbsp mayonnaise 1 Tbsp light cream 1 strip bacon  
 One square pat of butter or margarine 80-100 Calories

THESE VALUES ARE FOR THE NORMAL ADULT MALE

These normal daily requirements are adequately supplied by the basic diet shown on page 45. It is only in cases of restricted diets or abnormal metabolic states (e.g. diabetes, fever, thyrotoxicosis, digestive absorption, etc.) that vitamin supplements may be necessary. For therapeutic dosages, see pages 58 to 64.

#### DAILY ALLOWANCES OF VITAMINS (N. R. C. 1933)

| Vitamin and Daily Requirement        | Natural Sources  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| A 5,000-8,000 I.U.                   | Vitamin A: Milk, butter, and liver oils<br>Carotene precursors: Carrots, sweet potatoes, apricots, spinach, thin green leaved vegetables |
| B <sub>1</sub> Thiamine 1.2-1.6 mg   | Yeast, whole grain, cereal, banana, liver, egg yolk  |
| B <sub>2</sub> Riboflavin 1.4-2.5 mg | Milk, yeast, eggs, liver, meat   |
| P P Niacin 10-16 mg                  | Liver, yeast, meat, rice bran, whole wheat   |
| C Ascorbic Acid 70-150 mg            | Citrus fruit, grape, papaya, parsley, tomatoes, cabbage, radishes  |
| D 400 Units                          | Butter, liver, egg yolk, fish, liver oils  |

### STEP 9 - DETERMINE THE NEED FOR MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS

Daily requirements of the minerals are supplied in a well balanced diet (see page 45). Additional amount are required when an abnormal loss or increased demand arises. The given mineral is usually then prescribed as drug. The 2 deficiencies most likely to occur are those of calcium and iron. Iodine deficiency in endemic areas can be prevented if iodized salt is used.

#### DAILY ALLOWANCES OF MINERALS (N. R. C. 1955)

| Mineral                         | Allowance   | Natural Source   |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Mineral content to be deficient |   |  |
| Calcium                         | 0.8 Gm. for adults<br>1.5 Gm. for pregnant and lactating women                | Milk and milk products<br>(1 Gm. calcium/qt.)                    |
| Iron                            | 12-15 mg. for children<br>at least 10 mg. for women<br>Le. in men and infants | Liver, egg yolk, kidney<br>beef, whole wheat green<br>vegetables |
| Mineral content to be deficient |   |  |
| Copper                          | 1-2 mg.   | Liver, egg yolk, bran<br>oatmeal                                 |
| Iodine                          | 0.12-0.3 mg.  | Iodized salt, Vegetables,<br>cows, iodine rich soil              |
| Sodium                          | 2-5 Gm.   | Tablet, milk, meat,<br>eggs                                      |
| Phosphorus                      | 1-1.5 Gm. (2-3 Gm.<br>during pregnancy)                                       | Milk, liver, egg yolk,<br>cereals, nuts, beans                   |
| Potassium                       | 1-4 Gm.   | All vegetables and fruits  |

### STEP 10 - ADJUST THE UNDER FREQUENCY AND TIME OF FEEDING.

In the management of infant in India, it may be necessary to give greater number of large or smaller feedings per day at regular intervals or the greater portion of the day. The conditions in which the case is important in India:

1. Malnutrition, fever, thyroiditis, jaundice. Frequency of feedings to increase diet intake.
2. Particular. Frequency of feedings to maintain adequate buffering action.
3. Diabetes. Frequency of feedings to maintain more constant blood sugar.
4. Decreased gastric capacity (e.g., post-gastric surgery). Frequency of feedings.

### STEP 11 - GIVE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PATIENT

When the diet has been completely planned, carefully explained and fully written instruction must be given to the patient. The should include: proper diet; frequency of meals; and time of eating. The following description of the diet will aid in formulating the instruction.

## PRINCIPAL TYPES OF DIETS

The following diets are planned around the Basic Foods which form the nucleus of a well balanced diet. See table on page 43.

### Styptic Diet

Principle—Non irritating, buffering diets taken on regular schedule.

#### Composition

- Stage I 3 oz. (90 cc.) half milk and half cream (18%) every hour from 7:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m.
- Stage II Stage I plus 3 feedings of refined cereal (3 oz. per serving) and 1 soft cooked egg daily.
- Stage III Stage II plus creamed soups and pureed vegetables.
- Stage IV 3 oz. (90 cc.) milk and cream every hour plus regular meals of small feedings of lean meat, potato, pureed vegetables, refined cereals and breads, custard, puddings, cream and butter.

Restrictions—Meats, tracts, bran, raw vegetables and fruits, tea, coffee, condiments, spices, alcohol and carbonated beverages.

### Meunier's Diet

Indications—In bleeding peptic ulcers. As now generally employed means frequent feeding of purged foods. Originally described as follows:

- 6 a. m. Tea, white bread and butter.
- 9 a. m. Oatmeal with milk, white bread and butter.
- 1 p. m. Dinner—As much as desired of meat balls, broiled chops, omelet, fish balls, vegetable or meat or fish gratin, mashed potatoes, vegetable purées or soups, creamed vegetables, stewed apricots, applesauce, gruel, and rice and tapioca puddings.
- 3 p. m. Cocoa.
- 6 p. m. White bread and butter, sliced meats, cheese and tea.

### Bland Diet

A normal diet modified to be smooth, non irritating and bland in taste. May also be used as low residue diet.

Composition—Lean meats, fish, poultry, egg, milk, potato, pureed vegetables and fruits, refined cereals and breads, custards, puddings, gelatin desserts, cream, butter, margarine, salt and sugar in moderation.

Restrictions—Fried foods, raw vegetables, fruits and fruit juices, oils, condiments, bran, whole grain cereals and bread, carbonated beverages, alcohol and coffee.

### Low Fat, Non-C Fasting Diet

Composition—Lean meat, fish, poultry, skimmed milk or butter, milk, cottage cheese, cereal products, bread, vegetables and fruits except those listed below, gelatin desserts, sherbet, puddings without cream, sugars and jellies.

Restrictions—Pork, ham, bacon, fatty cuts of any meat, cream, cabbage, family onions, turnips, cucumbers, radishes, green peppers, dried beans and peas, melons, raw apples, butter, margarine, mayonnaise, oil, nuts, chocolate, fried foods, pastries and highly seasoned foods.

High Prot in High CHO Low F t Diet

Composition A low f t diet with stress placed on large servings of lean meat eggs skimmed milk or buttermilk cottage cheese cereal breads fruit juices sugar and jelly To calculate a definite amount of prot in for this diet see tables on page 48

Restriction Same as for low f t non gas forming diet

High Residue Diet

A non mal diet with a maximum of bulk

Composition All of the basic foods with extra servings of whole grain cereals and bread raw vegetables and fruits and an adequate amount of fluids

Restriction None

Diet Restrict d in Sodium Content

Sodium restricted diets usually employ 1.5 Gm. of sodium (3.75 Gm. sodium chloride) or under For best therapeutic results diets should contain less than 500 mg. of sodium (1.5 Gm. sodium chloride)

The following two low sodium diet both contain 2,000 Calorie They are the same in composition except for the beverage

250 mg sodium diet use Lonalac® as beverage

500 mg sodium diet use whole milk as beverage

Breakfast

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Fruit                             | 1/2 cup       |
| Salt free cooked or puffed cereal | 1/2 cup       |
| Salt free bread                   | 1 slice       |
| Salt free butter or margarine     | 2 tsp (1 pat) |
| Egg                               | 1             |
| Lonalac® or whole milk            | 1/2 cup       |

Noon and Evening Meal

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Salt free ham or                   | 3 1/2 oz      |
| Salt free potato or                | 1/2 cup       |
| Salt free cooked or raw vegetables | as desired    |
| Salt free bread                    | 1 slice       |
| Salt free butter or margarine      | 2 tsp (1 pat) |
| Fruit                              | 1/2 cup       |
| Lonalac® or whole milk             | 8 oz          |

Administration (2 Restrictions on Following Presc.)

- 1 Lonalac® is prepared by mixing 1/2 cup dry powder with 2 cups of water this may be flavored with chocolate
- 2 To make salt free in wash and knead margarine in five change of cold water
- 3 Use 1/2 box frozen vegetables or 1/2 cup salt free canned vegetables Myunrtichok beans carrots spinach and other green vegetables
- 4 Use only fresh cooked fruit
- 5 Use only granulated gelatin in puddings and desserts
- 6 Myunpppe herbs and other spices
- 7 Myunone fifth sodium free salt substitute

## B. Restriction

1. If in bacon, bacon fat, salt pork, corned beef or pork luncheon meats, canned meats, fish or poultry
2. Prepared cereals with salt, quick cooking cereals, breads leavened with baking powder or baking soda
3. Prepared foods or prepared desserts
4. Canned vegetables, dried fruits, commercial salad dressing, catsup
5. Salt dulse, salted popcorn, potato chips
6. Garlic salt, onion salt, celery salt, salt, baking powder, baking soda
7. Celery, olive pickles, relishes, chard
8. To avoid disease: Cabbage family, onions, turnips, peppers, dried beans, cucumbers, sweet potatoes, raw apples, melons

## C. Approximate Sodium Content of Common Foods (using per serving) This list gives the natural content without the addition of salt, baking powder or baking soda

|   |            |      |             |       |                  |     |
|---|------------|------|-------------|-------|------------------|-----|
| 1 | Fresh meat | fish | and poultry | 3½ oz | (100 Gm) serving |     |
|   | Lamb       | 78   | Oyster      | 73    | Chicken leg      | 110 |
|   | Pork       | 58   | Cod fish    | 80    | Turkey leg       | 92  |
|   | Beef       | 51   | Halibut     | 58    | Chicken breast   | 78  |
|   | Veal       | 48   | Salmon      | 48    | Turkey breast    | 42  |

## 2. Eggs (1) 40

3. Milk 1 oz glass (300 cc) Cultured buttermilk 270 fresh whole milk 110 reconstituted whole milk (Lonalac®) 3

4. Cheese 1 oz (30 Gm) Processed 450 cheddar 210 cottage 100 cream 75

5. Legumes ½ cup (4 oz or 120 Gm) fresh or ⅓ cup (1 oz or 30 Gm) dry. Bean and corn 0.1 split peas dry 42

6. Cereals 1 oz (30 Gm) dry ¼ p whole grain cereals or pasta (macaroni, etc.) 0.5 4 1 cup dry cold cereals 200-350 puffed cereals 1

## 7. Bread (1 slice) and crackers

Commercial bread 180-250 6 Soda crackers 330

Yeast bread without salt 0.5 1 Matsoth, plain 0.3

8. Vegetables 3½ oz (100 Gm) serving of fresh or frozen (not canned) (For size of serving see page 49)

|           |     |             |       |           |     |         |     |
|-----------|-----|-------------|-------|-----------|-----|---------|-----|
| Artichoke | 43  | Cabbage     | 5     | Endive    | 18  | Potato  |     |
| Asparagus | 2   | Carrots     | 31    | Kale      | 110 | Squash  | 0.6 |
| Beans     | 1.2 | Cauliflower | 34    | Lettuce   | 12  | Pumpkin | 0.4 |
| frozen    | 2   | Chard       | 200   | Okra pods | 1   | Spinach | 82  |
| Beta      | 110 | Celery      | 110   | Onion     | 1   | Squash  | 0.5 |
| Broccoli  | 18  | Corn        | tra 6 | Paranips  | 7   | Tomato  | 3   |
| Brussels  |     | frozen      | 8     | Pas       | 0.9 | Turnip  | 37  |
| sprouts   | 18  | Eggplant    | 1     | frozen    | 100 |         |     |

9. Fruit 3½ oz (100 Gm) serving (for size see page 49)  
Fresh, canned and frozen fruits contain less than 10 mg sodium per serving

## 10. Fats 10 Gm (2 tea spoons)

Margarine 110 Sweet butter 0.5 Shortening 0.1  
Regular butter 98 Oil 0.2 Lard 0.3

## 11. Sweet 10 Gm (2 tea spoons)

Sugar, min. amounts honey 2.0 jelly 0.2

## 12 Miscellaneous -

Beer 8 oz 19 Coca Col<sup>e</sup> 1 bottle 18  
 Ginger ale 8 oz 19 Nts 1 oz (30 Gm) 65  
 Coffee natural herbs and condiments contain only  
 negligible amounts of sodium

Diabetic Diet

A calculated diet with regulated amounts of protein fat and  
 carbohydrate

1200 Calori

Breakfast (7:00 - 9:00 a.m.)  
 1/2 cup 10% fruit  
 2 egg any style  
 1 tsp butter or margarine  
 1 glass skimmed milk

Morning Feeding (10:00 a.m.)  
 1 glass skimmed milk  
 1 inch cube processed  
 or canned Tbsp. fat

Noon Meal (12:00 - 1:00 p.m.)  
 3 oz any lean meat  
 chicken or fish  
 1/2 cup 5% vegetable  
 1/3 cup 5% vegetable  
 5 lad 5% vegetable  
 2 tsp butter or margarine  
 1/2 cup 10% fruit  
 1 glass milk

Afternoon Feeding (3:00 p.m.)  
 1 glass skimmed milk  
 1 rounded Tbsp nuts  
 or peanut butter

Evening Meal (6:00 - 7:00 p.m.)  
 3 any lean meat  
 chicken or fish  
 1/2 cup 5% vegetable  
 1/3 cup 5% vegetable  
 5 lad 5% vegetable  
 2 tsp butter or margarine  
 1/2 cup 10% fruit  
 1 glass milk

Bed Time Feeding (9:00 - 10:00  
 p.m.)  
 1 glass skimmed milk  
 1/2 cup (sant) fat  
 chicken

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Breakfast (7:00 - 9:00 a.m.)  
 1/2 cup 10% fruit  
 2 egg any style  
 2 strips bacon (sp)  
 Coffee or tea as desired

Morning Feeding (10:00 a.m.)  
 1 cup whole milk  
 2 inch cube processed  
 or 1/3 cup peanuts

Noon Meal (12:00 - 1:00 p.m.)  
 1/2 cup cottage cheese  
 1/2 cup 5% vegetable  
 1/2 cup 10% vegetable  
 1/2 cup 10% fruit  
 2 tsp butter or margarine  
 1 cup whole milk  
 Coffee or tea as desired

Afternoon Feeding (3:00 p.m.)  
 1 cup whole milk  
 2 inch cube processed  
 or 1/3 cup peanuts

Evening Meal (6:00 - 7:00 p.m.)  
 4 oz lean meat chicken or  
 fish  
 1/2 cup 5% vegetable  
 1/2 cup 10% vegetable  
 1/2 cup 10% fruit  
 2 tsp butter or margarine  
 1 cup skimmed milk  
 Coffee or tea as desired

Bed Time Feeding (9:00 - 10:00  
 p.m.)  
 1 cup whole milk  
 2 inch cube processed  
 or 1/3 cup peanuts



High Calorie High Prot in High Vitamin Diet

A normal diet containing extra foods high in protein and all of the vitamins

Composition All of the basic foods with increased amounts of meat fish, poultry liver eggs milk cheese whole grain cereal carrots green vegetables citrus fruits butter or margarine (see table on page 49 for high protein foods and table on page 50 for high vitamin foods)

Restrictions None

Low Calorie Diet

Adapt protein, bulky diets which are lower in calories than the patient's daily requirement (see page 45). Amount of food listed in each diet is the total daily intake

1200 Calorie Diet

3 oz. meat, fish, poultry or  
beef

1 egg

1 pt. skimmed milk or  
buttermilk

1 slice bread

1 serving (1/2 cup) potato or  
equivalent

2 servings 10% vegetables

3-4 servings 5% vegetables

2 servings 10% fresh fruit

1 serving 15% fresh fruit

2 tsp. butter or margarine

800 Calorie Diet

3 oz. lean meat, fish, or  
poultry

2 oz. cottage cheese

1 slice bread

1 serving 10% vegetable

3 servings 5% vegetables

3 servings 10% fruit

1 pt. skimmed milk or  
buttermilk

1600 Calorie Diet

Omit the following from the  
1200 Calorie diet

1 serving potato

1 serving 10% vegetable

1 serving 5% vegetable

1 tsp. butter

1300 Calorie Diet

Add the following to the  
1200 Calorie diet

2 slices bread

3 tsp. butter or margarine

1 serving 15% fruit

Restrictions All foods candy and beverages except those listed

Low Protein Diet

A normal diet with the protein foods limited to the minimum but adequate amount

Composition Meat fish poultry legumes eggs milk cereal, bread and nuts limited to give the desired protein intake (see page 48 for protein values). Vegetables fruits fats and sugars may be taken as desired

Restrictions Protein foods in excess of the specified amount

Special Elimination Diets

A normal diet from which have been eliminated the foods suspected of causing allergic reactions. Such reactions are produced most frequently by wheat eggs and milk less frequently by citrus nuts chocolate and fish. Other foods may infrequently cause reactions

More specialized diets have been prepared by all registries and are used both diagnostically and therapeutically. Consult books on all registry for these diets.

### Low Purin Diet

Diet low in nucleoproteins

Food Forbidden: Live kidney sweetbreads sardines anchovies  
brains whole grain products gravy soups meat extractives  
asparagus beans cauliflower peas lentils and mushrooms

Food Restricted: All other meats, fish, and fowl

Composition: All other foods are allowed. Most protein to be derived from eggs and dairy products

## TUBE FEEDINGS

Tube feedings are employed when swallowing is impossible or patient is otherwise unable or unwilling to take food by mouth. A convenient means of administering the feedings is with a small polyethylene tube placed intranasally. Many food mixtures may be given; the only requirements are that the food be fluid or in a suspension of very small particles.

Protein hydrolyzates are often irritating. Formulas containing egg tend to occlude the lumina of small tubes. Excellent formula can be prepared by using milk (occasionally lots in the case of lactose intolerant) trained infants to lactose sucrose or glucose. Fats such as cod liver oil may be added if emulsified with Tween 80 or a similar agent. Vitamins and minerals are added as indicated.

Examples of tube feeding formulas are as follows:

1. Low sodium high protein diet - Supplies 3,000 Calories per 3,000 cc (1 Cal/cc) contains 133 Gm protein  
 Sterilized canned baby meat 400 Gm (4 cans)  
 Tomato juice 1900 cc  
 Prune juice 90 cc  
 All purpose Soyale<sup>®</sup> 200 Gm  
 Lactose 315 Gm (1 1/3 cup)  
 Water q.s.d. 3000 cc
2. Inexpensive high protein formula 3,000 Calories per 3,000 cc (1 Cal/cc) contains 120 Gm protein  
 Homogenized milk 2200  
 1/2 milk and 1/2 cream 600 cc  
 Eggs 6  
 Dextrose Maltose<sup>®</sup> or glucose 7 Tbsp
3. Low sodium high protein formula 3,000 Calories per 3,000 cc (1 Cal/cc) contains 150 Gm protein 78 mg sodium  
 Lactose<sup>®</sup> 600 Gm  
 Water q.s.d. 3000 cc

## THE VITAMINS

The vitamins are organic substances which are essential for life and which must be supplied to the organism from exogenous sources. They are not amines but appear to function as enzymes or coenzymes in important metabolic processes.

The best and only certain source of all the vitamins is a well balanced diet. Therefore a healthy person with proper nutrition does not require vitamin supplements, yet many persons, even in good economic circumstances, eat less vitamin containing foods than are necessary for optimal health.

No concrete evidence exists to show that vitamins exert a beneficial effect. There is much indiscriminate use of the vitamin supplements.

It has therefore to be considered that variation in the body requirements is dependent upon age, activity, diet, metabolic rate, and other factors affecting the absorption, utilization, and excretion of vitamins. Vitamin deficiencies are almost always multiple, particularly of fat soluble or B complex vitamins as a group. Early signs of vitamin deficiency are usually non-specific, vague, and mild and are easily misinterpreted or missed entirely. The crude sources of the vitamins are often more efficacious in therapy than the pure or synthetic. Only during the more severe phases of the deficiency is it usually necessary to resort to the use of pure vitamins. The use of a "pure" vitamin in the face of a true multiple vitamin deficiency may aggravate rather than help the condition. Treatment of vitamin deficiencies requires an adequate, balanced, high protein and high vitamin diet in addition to necessary vitamin supplements. In general, it is wise to use vitamins therapeutically in 5-10 times the amounts required for daily maintenance.

The Recommended Daily Dietary Allowances listed below are adopted from the recommendations of the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council (Nutrition Reviews 8:319, 1948).

## FAT-SOLUBLE VITAMINS

### VITAMIN A

Vitamin A is necessary for normal function and structure of all epithelial cells and for the synthesis of visual purple for retinal rod function and hence for vision in dim light. Carotene precursor of vitamin A is converted to vitamin A, probably in the liver. Vitamin A is stored in the Kupffer cells in increasing amounts with increasing age up to adulthood. The vitamin A intake is massive (e.g., 500,000-1,000,000 I.U. daily); it may cause alopecia, itching, and bone pain from new growth of periosteal bone. The principal dietary sources are leafy green and yellow vegetables, whole milk, butter, and eggs.

Recommended daily dietary allowances (1 U.S.P. unit = 1 I.U.) are as follows: Adults, 5,000 I.U.; during pregnancy, 6,000 I.U.; during lactation, 8,000 I.U.

## AVITAMINOSIS A (code No 010 761)

Avitaminosis A is due to inadequate intake (especially in children) poor absorption and in some instances failure of the liver to convert  $\beta$ -carotene to vitamin A.

- A Mild or Early Manifestation** Dryness of the skin, night blindness, xerophthalmia, hyperkeratosis.
- B Severe or Late Manifestations** Xerophthalmia, atrophy and keratinization of the skin and keratomalacia.
- C Treatment** Deficiency. Dose: adapt to individual. Low blood level of  $\beta$ -carotene or vitamin A may be helpful. A therapeutic trial with 25,000-75,000 I.U. daily for 4 weeks may also be employed.

### Treatment

Oil-soluble vitamin A U.S.P. Vitamin A B.P. 15,000 to 25,000 I.U. once or twice daily until symptoms improve. If absorption defect is present, it may be necessary to administer the vitamin A or to give the same dosage of vitamin A in oil (M (50,000 units/cc in the same oil) or similar dose of an accepted vitamin A and D preparation. Skin lesions may require more treatment.

## VITAMIN D

Vitamin D has two important actions: it is essential for the normal absorption of calcium and urinary excretion of phosphorus. It is stored in the liver, skin, and brain. Dose of vitamin D: 5,000-10,000 I.U./Kg of body weight per day may be administered to maintain balance with phosphorus. The principal dietary sources are butter, egg yolk, fortified milk, and fish, but not even these food sources are rich in vitamin D.

Recommended daily dietary allowance (I.U.S.P. unit: 1 I.U. = 0.025 mcg of  $\gamma$ -talliferol) during day (12-20) pregnancy and lactation: 400 I.U. The normal adult allowance is unknown. Most vitamin D is necessary in the absence of ultraviolet light which is obtained naturally or (7-dehydrocholesterol) in the skin. Vitamin D preparation is found only in animals that plant is the source of the precursor.

## AVITAMINOSIS D (code No 010 764)

Avitaminosis D is usually due to inadequate dietary intake or lack of sunlight or absorption defect.

- A Clinical Finding** Lack of vitamin D leads to rickets. In children, it is known as rickets (see page 380).
- B Treatment** Deficiency. Serum calcium and phosphorus may be normal or decreased and alkaline phosphatase is generally increased. Urinary calcium excretion is decreased.

### Treatment

- A Rickets** Oleovitamin D U.S.P. Vitamin D B.P. or Calciferol U.S.P. ( $D_2$ ) or 7-dehydrocholesterol U.S.P. ( $D_3$ ) 1,000-2,500 I.U. or a similar dose of an accepted

A and D preparation daily by mouth for several months plus adequate milk. Some cases of rickets are exceedingly resistant and require huge doses of vitamin D (50 000-150 000 I.U. per day).

B Outcomes: 1 (See page 382)

## VITAMIN E

Although vitamin E plays a role in the normal physiology of certain animals, there is no satisfactory evidence of activity in humans. It is relatively non-toxic. It has been used without apparent benefit in some cases of habitual abortion in doses of 50-100 mg.  $\alpha$ -tocopherol daily. It has also been used without satisfactory results in some neuromuscular syndromes and in heart disease.

## VITAMIN K

Vitamin K is necessary for prothrombin formation by the liver and hence is important for proper blood coagulation. Bacterial synthesis of vitamin K occurs in the intestine. It is not stored in appreciable amounts in the body. Naturally occurring vitamin K is non-toxic, but menadione in doses of 180 mg. is reported to cause vomiting, porphyrinuria, and transient albuminuria. The principal dietary sources are green leaves of plants, especially spinach, cauliflower, cabbage, and lettuce, egg yolk, and soy beans. Daily dietary needs are unknown.

### AVITAMINOSIS K (code No. 010 766)

A dietary deficiency of vitamin K probably never occurs. Liver disease may affect the normal synthesis of prothrombin by liver parenchyma or may cause inadequate bile formation which may interfere with absorption. Some drugs (e.g., salicylates) tend to lower prothrombin and thereby to increase the requirements of vitamin K. Avitaminosis is manifested by hemorrhages, especially from mucous membranes or at points of trauma, and by a prolonged prothrombin time.

#### Treatment

- A Liver disease, when associated with a lowered prothrombin, should be treated with 2.5 mg. Menadione Sodium Disulfite Injection U.S.P. or Mephythone Injection B.P. daily I.V. or I.M. even though the ability of the liver to form prothrombin may be impaired. Menadione 1.3 mg. by mouth with 1-4 Gm. bile salts to increase absorption may be used especially in cases of biliary obstruction.
- B Pregnant women generally should receive 2.5 mg. menadione sodium bisulfite I.V. or I.M. 12-72 hours before delivery to prevent bleeding in newborn infant.
- C Dicumarol® toxicity (see page 217)

## WATER-SOLUBLE VITAMINS

### VITAMIN B COMPLEX

The members of the vitamin B complex are very intimately associated in occurrence as well as in function. As a result of this close interrelationship, it is doubtful that a deficiency of a single B vitamin ever exists except under experimental conditions. Deficiency of a single member of the B complex would lead to impaired metabolism of the other. Hence although certain clinical features may predominate in the absence of a single member of the complex this does not signify that the deficiency can be entirely corrected by administering that single factor. Therefore specific therapy must always be applied in the presence of a definite or probable source of all of the other members of the B complex. Water-soluble vitamins should be administered in divided doses throughout the day to prevent excessive loss in the urine.

#### VITAMIN B<sub>1</sub> (Thiamine Hydrochloride)

Thiamine hydrochloride (an urine hydrochloride) functions primarily as coenzyme concerned with pyruvic acid metabolism. It is responsible for the activation of lactic acid. It is probably active in several other enzyme systems as well. The need for this vitamin varies with the amount of alcohol consumed. It is readily absorbed from the intestine and excreted by the kidney with limited storage in muscle. Liver, kidney, heart and brain.

Recommended daily dietary allowance is 1.2 to 1.6 mg. for adult and 1.5 mg. during pregnancy and lactation. The principal dietary sources are yeast, the hull of grain, rice, lean pork and peanuts. But in the foods the content is small. (Stimulating exposure to malnutrition at reduced the thiamine content of foods.)

#### AVITAMINOSIS B<sub>1</sub> (Beriberi) (code No. 010 7621)

Avitaminosis B<sub>1</sub> results from an inadequate intake usually of the diet, or excessive cooking or processing of foods. The increased need for vitamin B<sub>1</sub> during fever, high CHO intake or thyrotoxicosis may lead to deficiency.

**A Mild or Early Manifestation.** Vigorous multiple complaints suggest stinging anesthesia and inlude a or a of mication and muscle cramps, tenderness of the liver, peripheral and hyperactivity of flow of lat r by hypoactivity of kn and ankle j k

**B Severe or Late Manifestations (Beriberi).** Severe anorexia, polyuria, edema effusion, subcutaneous edema, ptyalism (particularly in extremities) and cardiac insufficiency manifest by tachycardia, dyspnea, edema, and normal or decreased circulation time, elevated venous pressure, and on specific ECG changes.

#### Therapy:

- A Thiamine Hydrochloride U.S.P. Aqueous Hydrochloride B.P. 20-50 mg. orally I.V. 1 M. daily in divided doses for 2 weeks, then 10 mg. daily by mouth until deficiency improves.
- B Dried Yeast Tablets, U.S.P. (b.w.s.) 30 Gm. tid
- C Diet Well balanced (2500-4500 Calorie) diet when tolerated

## VITAMIN B<sub>2</sub> (Riboflavin)

Riboflavin functions primarily in the respiratory enzyme system concerned with oxygen transport. It is readily absorbed from the intestine and has limited storage in the body and is excreted in the urine. Its deficiency has been reported.

Recommended daily dietary allowances are as follows: Adults (age 12-20) 1.8-2.8 mg; adult 1.4-1.8 mg; during pregnancy 2.0 mg; during lactation 2.5 mg. The dietary sources in common are milk, eggs, green leafy vegetables and liver.

### ANTHRAKINONE'S B<sub>2</sub> (Arb-Riboflavinols) (code No. 010 7672)

The etiological factors of arborescences are similar to those of thiamine deficiency but the intake of milk is important. The clinical effects of deficiency usually occur along with thiamine deficiency but may occur earlier.

A Mild or Early Manifestations (oral) superficial lesions of the mouth and conjunctivitis and photophobia; lack of light in the eyes; weight loss.

B Severe or Late Manifestations Cheilosis (fissuring at the corners of the mouth); fissuring of the nares; magenta tongue with mild redness; dysphagia; poor vascularization and hyperkeratosis in the skin; seborrheic dermatitis.

#### Treatment

A Mild or Early L S P Riboflavin B P 40-50 mg I V or I M daily by mouth until all symptoms have cleared.

B Dried Yeast Tablets L S P (or Wye yeast) 30 Gm. t.i.d.

C Well balanced (2,500-4,500 Calories) diet when tolerated.

## NIACIN AND NIACINAMIDE (P-P Factor)

This vitamin functions primarily in the CMO metabolism enzyme systems concerned with hydrogen transport and glycolysis. It is a component of the respiratory coenzyme I and II. Nicotinic acid of 25-50 mg or more orally or I V causes cutaneous vasodilation with flushing, burning, itching, and sensations of warmth in 30% of persons. These symptoms are not produced by niacinamide.

The recommended daily dietary allowances are as follows: Adults (age 12-20) 12-19 mg; adult 10-16 mg; during pregnancy and lactation 15 mg. The dietary sources are liver, yeast, lean meat, whole grain cereal, peanuts and potatoes.

### NIACIN DEFICIENCY (Pellagra) (code No. 010 7623)

The etiological factors of deficiency are similar to those of thiamine deficiency. Nicotinic deficiency is the principal but not the only dietary defect in pellagra.

A Mild or Early Manifestations Multiple vague complaints and mild rough skin. Redness and hypertrophy of the papillae of the tongue.

B Severe or Late Manifestations Marked roughening of skin when exposed to light and friction; diarrhea, abdominal distention; early red tongue with atrophy of papillae; stomatitis; depression; clouding of mentality; rigidity and peculiar sucking reflexion.

### Treatment

#### A Specific Measures

1. Nicotinamide U S P B P (Niacin mife) 50-500 mg 1 M I V or orally daily until all symptoms have subsided. Nicotinic Acid U S P B P (nicin) is less frequently used because of its vasodilating effect; dosage is similar.
2. Supplemental vitamins Give therapeutic doses of thiamin, riboflavin and pyridoxine (see dosage under B vitamins).
3. Dried Yeast Tablets U S P (beware yeast) 30 C'm tid.

#### B General Measures

1. Diet: Well balanced (2500-4500 C'lo less) high protein diet.
2. Symptomatic and supportive measures as indicated.
3. Demented may require constant supervision.

### Time of Manifestation of Vitamin C Deficiency

In many cases as vasodilating agent had been myoglobinuria, urological disorders and duration of the baby birth (100 mg or more daily in dried dosage). Nicotinamide does not possess this vasodilating effect.

## VITAMIN C (Ascorbic Acid)

Ascorbic acid participates in formation and maintenance of intercellular cement substance of all connective tissue (cartilage, matrix of bone, collagen of fibrous tissue). It also participates in cellular metabolism; it is the reducing agent. It is readily absorbed and excreted; the urinary excretion may be increased with formation of adrenocortical hormones. No toxicity has occurred in rat doses of 8 Gm daily.

The recommended daily dietary allowance are as follows: Adolescent (age 12-20 years) 75-100 mg; adult 75-75 mg; pregnant 100 mg; lactation 150 mg. Therapeutic dietary sources: ascorbic juice, tomatoes, paprika, bell pepper, and all green leafy vegetables. Copper, iron, hatching, iron, and alkalinizing all educe vitamin C content of food.

## AVITAMINOSIS C (Scurvy) (code No. 010-783)

Avitaminosis C is usually due to inadequate intake but may occur in a self-protection in dental bleeding gums.

A Mild or Early Manifestation Edema and hemorrhagic gingivitis; petechiae of the denture and hyperkeratosis of the lips.

B Severe or Late Manifestation Severe muscle hemorrhages; swelling of the joints; rarefaction of bone; marked bleeding tendency; exhaustion; blood in the sputum; iron deficiency anemia; or loss of teeth and poor wound healing.

C Treatment Dried yeast pills; real tannin reduced and the amount of l-gulon may show typical hemorrhage. The following of a gum or white blood cell count is indicated.



## 66 Other Vitamins

### Treatment

#### A for Deficiency

- 1 Sodium Ascorbate Injection L S P., 0.5 to 1.0 Gm I V or I M daily in divided doses as long as deficiency exists
  - 2 Ascorbic Acid U S P. B P orally in about the same doses
- B for Deficiency Ascorbic Acid, U S P. 200-300 mg per day orally

### Treatment of Miscellaneous Conditions

- A Vitamin C has also been used in the treatment of certain poisons in doses of 0.5 Gm or more. Proof of its value is lacking
- B Healing of wounds or ulcers or recovery from protracted diseases such as tuberculosis (dosage up to 200 mg daily orally)

## OTHER VITAMINS

### Pyridoxine Hydrochloride N N R

May be important in the transamination and decarboxylation of proteins. Pyridoxine may relieve certain nervous symptoms and weakness in pellagra where niacin fails and may also relieve the glossitis and cheilosis in some persons unaided by riboflavin. Dosage is usually 10-30 mg I V or I M daily with other factors of the B complex.

### Choline

Choline is found in phospholipids and is a methyl donor, a lipotropic substance, and a growth factor. It is found in large quantities in yeast. It has been used to prevent fatty changes in the liver parenchyma in chronic liver disease (see page 282).

### Folic Acid (Pt. reynolds m. A. id. l. c. 1 f. to.)

Essential for the metabolism of cell nuclear materials. Effective in certain macrocytic anemias (see page 222).

### Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (L. lacti. Don. r. f. clor.)

A phosphorus- and cobalt-containing material isolated from purified liver extract. It is probably the effective principle lacking in pernicious anemia (see page 222).

### Vitamin P (Rutin, Hesperidin, Methyl Chalcone)

These r. i. t. d. s. may reduce capillary fragility and may also reduce the threshold of response of the pre-capillary sphincter to epinephrine. Its use has been suggested in hypertensive conditions with hemorrhagic phenomena and in prevention of frost bite gangrene. Dosage: Hesperidin methyl chalcone 0.5-1.0 Gm daily orally. Rutin 20-40 mg t. i. d. q. i. d. orally. Considerable question has recently been raised as to whether or not vitamin P has any physiological or pharmacological effect in humans. Considerable data suggests it has none.

### Inositol

It has been shown to be a lipotropic substance under certain very special conditions in some species of animals. Its role in human nutrition and its use in liver disease are still entirely unclear.

### Micellin. Vit. m. l. s.

The role of pantoic acid, folic acid, para-aminobenzoic acid, biotin, and vitamin U in humans is at present undetermined and none have as yet been proved to be of therapeutic value.

## Chapter 5

# DISEASES OF THE SKIN

## INTRODUCTION

### General Principles

#### A History and Examination

- 1 Take a case history from every patient with skin disease
- 2 Do not neglect role of constitutional factors in production or aggravation of skin disease (Internal diseases nervous system disorders etc.)

3 Examine entire body surface in good light

- B Physical Examination This is a bewildering variety of dermatologic diseases. It is better to be thoroughly familiar with the actions of a few methods and treatment methods than to attempt to use a great many.

- 1 Consider the general character of the individual skin
  - a Dry skins usually require lubricating ointments
  - b Moist oily skins usually require greases less drying
- 2 Begin treatment with mild simple remedies in general
  - a Acute inflamed lesions require soothing or irritating
  - b Chronic thickened lesions require stimulating or karyolytic agents
- 3 Apply a preliminary amount of medication to a single small area to test skin sensitivity
- 4 Do not change remedies too frequently Allow adequate time to act However discontinue remedy immediately in event of untoward reaction
- 5 In treating the patient as efficiently on how to properly medicate
- 6 When in doubt as to proper method of treatment UNDERTREAT rather than overtreat

## CORTICOTROPIN (ACTH) and CORTISONE

In contrast to the acute severe exfoliative or fulminant dermatitis of erythema multiforme or allergic drug eruption. This has been observed only in angiodermatosis and in the folliculodermatitis pemphigus vulgaris erythema toxicum and dermatomyositis. This is a uniformly fatal condition after the first administration. Relapse is not uncommon both during and after treatment. Malnutrition and therapy may suppress or control the condition.

dermatitis but a firm cure. It is important to understand the pharmacologic and pharmacologic effects of these drugs to achieve maximum benefits from therapy (see page 283).

Topical use of hydrocortisone ointment either in the acute or chronic phase of the disease is very helpful in controlling pruritus and dermatitis and eczema.

## ANTIHISTAMINES

The antihistamine drugs form a group of chemically related agents which appear to block most of the characteristic effects of histamine. They do not block the release of histamine but evidently do prevent histamine from reacting on the end organs. In the treatment of allergic diseases they exert a preventive effect upon the C<sub>3</sub> but in higher doses they have an anesthetic effect. There is considerable variation in the tolerance and toxicity from drug to drug and from individual to individual. Comparative therapeutic doses of the various antihistamines have roughly similar toxic effects.

| Empirical Common Uses Antihistamine  |                             | Following Dosages |         |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Drug   | Regimen                     | Drug              | Regimen |
| <b>A. Sympathomimetic Derivatives (N.C.N.)</b>                                   |                             |                   |         |
| 1. Triphenylmethylamine Hydrochloride (L.S.) (Liridensamine <sup>®</sup> )       | 20 mg                       |                   |         |
| 2. Methylphenylamine Hydrochloride (Th. Nyl ne <sup>®</sup> )                    | Semib <sup>®</sup> 25-50 mg |                   |         |
| 3. Thionylamine Hydrochloride (N.H.R.) (Noh tramine <sup>®</sup> )               | 25-100 mg                   |                   |         |
| 4. Lythian <sup>®</sup> (L. A. L. H. R.) (Neo antergan <sup>®</sup> S. J. J. J.) | 25-50 mg                    |                   |         |
| <b>B. Alkamine (H.C.C.N.) Diphenhydramine Hydrochloride</b>                      |                             |                   |         |
| U.S.P. (Hena ry)   | 25-50 mg                    |                   |         |
| <b>C. Miscellaneous Compounds (C.C.C.N.) Chlorpheniramine</b>                    |                             |                   |         |
| U.S.P. (H.H.R.) (Chlor Irimeon)  | 2-4 mg                      |                   |         |

### Contraindications

The antihistamine may be used effectively in nasal allergies, urticaria, angioneurotic edema, drug reactions, serum sickness, pruritus due to many forms of dermatitis. Menstrual diseases and motion sickness and are indicated to a lesser extent in other allergic states (e.g., allergic asthma and allergic migraine).

### Toxicity

If antihistamines may produce in some patients drowsiness, restlessness, nervousness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscular weakness, dryness of mouth, blurred vision, tremors, and even at times convulsions.

## COMMON DISORDERS OF THE SKIN

## PRURITUS (Itching) (code No 143)

T ime t

- A Spe fic M s u e Remember that localized (as well as general) pruritus may result from systemic causes
- R move or treat specific causes whenever possible
  - 1 Skin infestations (e.g. scabies, pinworms, pediculosis)
  - 2 Skin infections (e.g. fungal and bacterial infections)
  - 3 Skin inflammations (or infections) (e.g. lichen planus, urticaria)
  - 4 Allergic reaction (e.g. hyperhidrosis, anhidrosis)
  - 5 Allergic reactions (e.g. food, drug, clothing, serum, etc.)
  - 6 Sensitization (e.g. skin atrophy)
  - 7 Metabolic diseases (e.g. diabetes, hyperthyroidism, gout)
  - 8 Uremia
  - 9 Jund
  - 10 Opium intoxication (e.g. morphinism)
  - 11 Blood and neoplastic disease (e.g. leukemia, lymphoma)
  - 1 Payhogeic factor (e.g. an elderly state)

B Loc l M s r s

- 1 Shave lotion, emulsions and ointments incorporating the volatile anesthetic and antipruritic listed in table on pages 100 and 107 may be of value in relieving itching
  - 2 Relieve excessive dryness and moisture of skin
    - a If skin is too dry, softening agents may afford relief (e.g. ointment (R 31, page 103))
    - b If skin is too moist, drying agent may afford relief (e.g. wet dressings, oaks (R 18, page 98), shampoos (R 14, 16, page 100) and powders (R 9, 12, page 99)) (especially if process is acute)
  - Tub baths. Generalized pruritus may be effectively controlled by lukewarm baths 15 minutes before bedtime. After bathing the skin should be blotted, not rubbed.
  - (1) Sodium bicarbonate baths. 1 cup sodium bicarbonate in tubful (50 gallons) of lukewarm water.
  - (2) Starch and soda bath. 1 1/2 pints starch and 1 cup sodium bicarbonate dissolved thoroughly in tubful (50 gallons) of lukewarm water. (Soda may be omitted.)
  - (3) Starch bath. Mix 2 pints of starch with sufficient water to make an emulsion, boil, and then add to tubful (50 gallons) of lukewarm water.
  - (4) Tar baths. Dilute 50-100 cc. Solution of Coal Tar NF in tubful (50 gallons) of warm water. (Watch for sensitivity.)
- CAUTION Avoid excessive drying of skin by overbathing, prolonged bathing period, and exposure to drafts after bathing.

C G r i M s u

- 1 Diet
  - Foods should be simple. Avoid rich and spicy food.
  - Both diets of limiting diet should be used in up to 100% of all cases (see page 56).
- 2 Pay both apply. If pruritus is primarily a manifestation

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an anti ty state obsession, compulsion, or a psychotic disorder direct therapy accordingly

- 3 External irritants (e g rough clothing occupational contactants) should be avoided
- 4 Bathing practices Soap should be avoided in individuals with dry or irritated skin Starch bath may be used (see previous page)
- 5 Nails should be kept trimmed and cleaned
- 6 Avoid scratching, if possible because of vicious cycle which can be established
- 7 Unnecessary medication should be stopped since medication itself can often produce pruritus
- 8 Antipruritic drugs The following agents may be of benefit
  - a Calcium salts 10 cc of 10% calcium gluconate i v slowly once daily or every other day p r n
  - b Antihistaminic drugs may be tried in certain cases of pruritus of allergic or undetermined etiology For a list of commonly used antihistaminic preparations see page 88
  - c Epinephrine 0.25 i o cc (4 to 8 min) of 1:1,000 solution every 4 hours may be of value in acute cases suspected of being due to allergy (urticaria)
  - d Phenobarbital, 0.015 to 0.03 Gm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) b i d or q i d may provide useful sedation in agitated or emotionally distressed patients Remember that barbiturates in themselves may produce dermatitis (rarely)
  - e Autochemotherapy Some dermatologists advise the injection of 10 cc of the patient's whole venous blood into the hip muscles every 48 hours for 3 injections
  - f ACTH gel 20 to 40 mg i m once or twice weekly or cortisone 25 to 100 mg daily by mouth

### DERMATITIS VENERATA (Contact Dermatitis)

(code No 110-3001)

(Dermatitis Venerata Due to Plant Irritants code No 110-378)

An acute or chronic dermatitis which results from direct contact of chemicals or other irritants with the skin Lesions are most often on exposed parts and may be asymmetric (cf due to internal agent) Lesions are aggravated by exposure to the irritant and this should be avoided Patch tests may be of value in diagnosis as corroboration of clinical impressions

#### Diagnosis

Survey the patient's environment and study his total activities to determine irritant

- A Search for a history of recent exposure to new chemicals drugs soaps cosmetics or other contact irritants The location of the lesions may be of value in identifying the irritant e g scalp (rinses or shampoos) face (soaps shaving materials cosmetics) neck (jewelry clothing) trunk (clothing) upper extremities (soaps cosmetics plant toxins industrial chemicals) and lower extremities (stockings shoes shoe dyes)

- B Use protective isolation in certain selected cases without re-exposure may help to establish the irritant
- C Patch tests may be of value but false positive and false negative reactions may occur. Dermatitis produced by such tests should resemble the clinical dermatitis. In the event of a positive reaction, a control test should be done on a normal individual

### Treatment

#### A. Definitive Measures

- 1 Prevent re-exposure to irritant
  - a Avoid soaps and detergents
  - b Cosmetics Change to so-called non-allergic nicotinic metils or eliminate cosmetics entirely
  - c Occupational irritants
    - (1) Protective rubber gloves may be used but a label should indicate an inner cotton glove must be used
    - (2) Protective creams (barrier creams) may be tried but are almost useless
    - (3) Change of occupation or duties to those not involving use of irritant agents may be necessary
  - d Plant irritants (especially Rhus species e.g. poison ivy)
    - (1) Detachment of plant by manual removal by hemi-aluminate (2-4 D or dihydroxyphenylacetic acid) as swellings and in areas affected by people
    - (2) Avoidance of Rhus infestation
- 2 Prompt and thorough removal of irritants by prolonged washing or by removal with solvents or other chemical agents may be effective if applied very shortly after exposure. In the case of Rhus toxin thorough washing with soap and water must be done within a few minutes if it is to be of any value

#### B. Local Measures Treatment stage and type of dermatitis (S

pages 96-97-108)

- 1 Acute weeping dermatitis
  - a Do not scrub skin with soap and water
  - b Apply soothing solutions (table on page 98) If up-tension becomes generalised with soothing starch and bismuthate antipruritic bath mentioned on page 87. Shaking lotion (S 14 18 page 100) may be indicated instead of wet dressing or in intervals between wet dressings especially in itchy trigonous areas where noooing is not marked. Lesion on the extremities particularly may be bandaged with wet dressings.
  - Hydrocortisone ointment 1% applied sparingly 2-4 times daily may be very helpful
- 2 Sub-acute dermatitis (sub-ling) Use bak lotions
- 3 Chronic dermatitis (dry and lichenified) Treat with hydrophilic greasy ointments or creams. Treatments perhaps most useful in this stage of the dermatitis

#### C. General Measures

- 1 Antihistaminic drug orally may be of use (see page 66)
- 2 ACTH gel, 20-40 mg I.M. or cortisone 25-100 mg orally (with depressive actions) may be tried and permitted daily (S page 423)

## ERYTHEMA NODOSUM (Due to infection code No 114 1x0)

A tender nodular erythematous dermatosis occurring most commonly on the extensor surfaces of the legs and (less often) forearms. It is usually caused by toxins of infections and occasionally by drugs. The disease occurs most commonly in the spring or fall and usually runs a course of 2-6 weeks or longer.

### Treatment

#### A General Measures

- 1 Eliminate or treat the specific cause
  - a Infections. Almost all infections (coccal, tuberculous, mycotic or viral) are capable of causing erythema nodosum. For treatment see specific diseases.
  - b Exogenous toxins. E.g. drugs or chemicals.
- 2 Rest. Hospitalization may be advisable.
- 3 Focal infections. May be corrected although this does not appear to influence the course of the disease.

B Local Measures. Usually unnecessary but if lesions are troublesome or complicated, treat according to stage and type of dermatitis (see pages 96-97 and 108).

C Terramycin® or Aureomycin®, 250 mg q.i.d. for several days may be useful.

## ERYTHEMA MULTIFORME

(Infection code No 114 190) (Poison code No 114 3x7)

An acute inflammatory polymorphic skin disease of multiple or undetermined origin. There is often a history of drug exposure or of recent or current infection. The skin lesions are found most frequently on the dorsa of the hands and forearms and on the feet, neck, cheeks, buccal mucous membranes and genitalia. The illness is usually self-limited although it is frequently recurrent.

### Treatment

#### A Definite Measures

- 1 Eliminate causative factors
  - a Chronic systemic infections (e.g. tuberculosis)
  - b Focal infections
  - c Sensitizing drugs
- 2 Penicillin parenteral, 150,000-300,000 units i.M. is said to decrease the extent and duration of the illness when a secondary infection is present.
- 3 Terramycin® or Aureomycin®, 250 mg q.i.d. for several days may be useful.

#### B General Measures

- 1 Bed rest and good nursing care when fever is present.
- 2 Antihistaminic drugs may be tried but results are equivocal. For a partial list of official and accepted preparations see page 86.

C Local Measures. Treat stage and type of dermatitis (see pages 96-97 and 108).

- 1 Acute lesions. Employ simple wet dressings and soaks or soothing lotions. For treatment of bullae see page 261.

## 2. S bacute lesions Soothing lotions

Prophylaxis

Avoid all unnecessary medication in susceptible individuals  
 i.e. patients with previous history of xeroderma multiforme

**ECZEMA (code No 111 390)(and Eczematoid Dermatitis)**

A large group of non-specific acute or chronic superficial inflammatory skin reactions which occur as a result of exposure to chemical physical or unknown irritant or as a result of allergic irritants may be external (e.g. contact dermatitis) or internal (e.g. dermatitis medicamentosa). The etiology may be allergic tendency (topical or systemic) and blood eosinophilia may be found. The term eczematoid dermatitis is used for eczematoid lesions of undetermined origin. The lesions of eczema are usually pruritic. Acute lesions are usually erythematous vesicular or exudative. Chronic lesions are usually thickened and squamated lichenified.

TreatmentA. Specific Measures

1. Elimination of inciting agent (if possible) is in cases where only specific measures are required. A careful history trial and error elimination and exposure technique may be of value in identifying specific offending agent. Skin treatment is often valuable. Decontamination if possible. Sensitivities are usually minimal.
2. Diet. Should be adopted and well balanced. There is no valid scientific evidence for a standardised outline diet. Restriction of diet especially in adults. Trial of elimination diets may be of value in determining food allergens in individual cases where an allergic component is present. Food diary may be kept by patients with chronic eczema to determine possibility of food allergy. Reported common food offenders are wheat milk eggs poultry fish shellfish tomatoes strawberries and chocolate.
3. Psychotherapy. Attempts may be made to determine and correct inciting emotional disturbances but this is of no practical value.
4. Removal of foci of infection but avoid routine prophylaxis.

B. General Measures

1. Antihistaminic drugs occasionally provide beneficial results although response in general is disappointing (see page 66).
2. ACTH. Cortisone may provide spectacular improvement in severe or fulminant cases (see page 423).

C. Local Treatment

1. Avoidance of any local irritation to the skin such as may occur from excessive bathing or use of exposure to irritating drugs hemolysins etc. and soaps. Splinted joints are not advisable. Clear up skin infections promptly (particularly those with pustules) by appropriate measures (see pages 85-87).



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- 2 Hydrocortisone 1% ointment applied sparingly twice a day may be very helpful
- 3 Treat the clinical type and stage of the dermatitis
  - a Acute weeping lesions Use solutions listed in table on page 98 as soothing or astringent soaks baths or wet dressings in the daytime for 30 minutes 1 d or q i d Shake lotions (§ 14 15 page 100) may be employed at night or when wet dressings are not desirable Lesions on extremities particularly may be bandaged for protection at night Powders (§ 9 11 12 page 99) may be used in intertriginous areas when crusting is not marked
  - b Subacute or subsiding lesions may be treated with shake lotions which may incorporate mild antipruritic or mild stimulating agents (see page 107) Shake lotions are usually preferred for widespread lesions Ointments (see page 104) containing mild tar may be used (see table on page 104)
  - c Chronic dry lichenified lesions are best treated with ointments creams and pastes (see page 102 3) employing lubricating keratolytic antipruritic and mild keratoplastic agents mentioned in the table on pages 104 7 as indicated The tars are perhaps the most popular therapeutic agents in chronic eczema (2-5% coal tar in ointments creams and pastes)
- 4 X ray therapy may be used effectively if only temporarily in many stages Treatment by x rays must be reserved for the specialist

### DERMATITIS MEDICAMENTOSA ( Drug Rash ) (code No 110 3 )

An acute or chronic inflammatory skin reaction which is caused by a wide variety of drugs and which causes a wide variety of skin lesions in susceptible individuals The reaction may be immediate or delayed (10 a few weeks) and may or may not be associated with constitutional disturbances (fever headache etc) Improvement following withdrawal and elimination of the suspected drug usually takes a few days but may take longer As a rule it is not advisable to attempt a diagnostic provocation or an exacerbation by re exposure to the drug Skin tests are seldom of any value

#### Treatment.

##### A Specific Measures

- 1 Stop all drug if possible
- 2 Hasten elimination of drug by increasing fluid intake
- 3 Give specific detoxifying agents
  - a Dimercaprol, U S P (BAL<sup>®</sup>) may be tried in cases due to heavy metals (arsenic mercury gold etc) (see page 536)
  - b Sodium chloride 5-10 Gm (75-150 gr) daily orally may hasten elimination of bromides and iodides in cases due to those drugs (see page 538)

##### B General Measures.

- 1 Discontinue all unnecessary medication, when feasible for

as long as possible as possible

- 2 Treat systemic manifestation as they arise e.g. an. mi. icterus purpura etc
- 3 Antihistaminic may be of value in treatment of urticarial and angioneurotic hives (see page 66)

C Local Measures Treat the various stages of dermatitis according to the major dermatitis which is simulated

- 1 Eczematoid (see page 71)
- 2 Allergic (see page 78)
- 3 Pruritic (see page 67)
- 4 Pyoderma (see page 85)
- 5 Urticarial (see page 79)
- 6 Bullous (see page 86)
- 7 Lichenoid (see page 74)
- 8 Exfoliative (see below)

### EXFOLIATIVE DERMATITIS (code No. 110 966)

A toxic cutaneous reaction often due to sensitization to certain drugs (e.g. arsenic and gold) but more commonly used by lymphoblastoma it is characterized by itching weeping erythematous patches which rapidly coalesce and spread to become generalised. Finally a desquamation or exfoliation of large areas of skin occurs. There is an associated severe constitutional reaction with fever and other systemic symptoms. The disease runs a course of weeks to months and is attended with a high mortality rate.

Treatment This is a medical emergency

A Specific Measures

- 1 Stop all drugs if possible
- 2 Hasten elimination of offending drug by all means e.g. by increasing fluid intake
- 3 Dimer perol, USP (BAL®) This drug may lessen the severity of the reaction due to arsenic and gold (see page 536)
- 4 ACTH 20-40 mg I.V. or I.M. or cortisone 50-100 mg I.V. or by mouth daily if indicated

B General Measures

- 1 Patient treated in hospital when possible. Undertake on bed sheet
- 2 Keep room temperature constant. Turn around daily
- 3 Institute appropriate measures: transfusions, plasma, etc. indicated
- 4 Avoid all unnecessary medication
- 5 ACTH or cortisone may provide symptomatic improvement in the severe fulminant exfoliative dermatitis (see page 422)
- 6 Secondary infections. Penicillin or other antibiotic drug should be given when the evidence of bacterial infection (see pages 85-87 for dosage schedule). Pyoderma is the most common complication of exfoliative dermatitis

C Local Measures

- 1 Observe skin hygiene
- 2 Avoid irritating local applications
- 3 Treat skin as follows:
  - a First Wet dressings: soothing bath (see page 67) powder (see page 99) and hake lotion (see page 100)
  - b Late Sterilizing lotions (see page 100) and intimate (see pages 102-103)

- 4 Topical anti-infective drugs (e.g. 1% aqueous n omycin, Terramycin® Aureomycin® chloramphenicol erythromycin, or polymyxin B ointments) should be used very cautiously and only when necessary (see pages 85-87 and 107).

### Prophylaxis

Patients who are receiving drugs capable of producing a severe allergic dermatitis should be watched carefully for development of skin reactions of all types while under therapy. The drug should be withheld until the nature of any skin reaction is determined. Definite sensitization may be considered an absolute contraindication to further drug administration.

## DERMATITIS ACTINICA (code No. 110-451) (Erythema Solare or Sunburn)

An acute inflammatory skin reaction following exposure to solar or other ultraviolet radiation. It may vary from simple erythema to severe exfoliation and may be associated with systemic manifestations. Some individuals are abnormally light sensitive.

### Treatment

- A Symptom Management Treat constitutional symptoms by appropriate supportive measures. Control pain, burning, fever and gastrointestinal and other symptoms as they arise.
- B Local Management Treat as for any acute dermatitis (see page 108). First use cooling and soothing wet dressings (see page 93) and follow with lotions (see page 100). Greases must be avoided because of their occlusive effect.

### Prevention

- A Individuals with very blond, sensitive skins should avoid strong and prolonged exposure to the sun or ultraviolet radiation. Preliminary conditioning by graded exposure is advisable.
- B Protective Agent Apply to skin before exposure to radiation.
- 1 Para-aminobenzoic acid 10% in hydrophilic ointment
  - 2 Carbolated (phenolized) Vaseline® is a good sunscreen.
  - 3 Menthyl anthranilate (5%) and 5% titanium dioxide cream
  - 4 Diglycyl trioleate cream (Neo-Afl®)

## LICHEN PLANUS (code No. 110-965)

A chronic inflammatory skin disease of unknown cause characterized by small flat topped violaceous pruritic papules which are angular in shape (usually quadrilateral) and of varying sizes. They occur commonly on the flexor surface of the forearms and inner thighs, on the lower part of the back and on the genitalia. There may be associated buccal lesions. Residual pigmentation and atrophy may occur, but usually there are no sequelae. Lichen planus may be associated with drug eruptions (chloroquine, quinine).

### Treatment

- A Constitutional Management

- 1 Phenobarbital 0.015-0.03 Gm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) b.i.d. q.i.d.
- 2 Psychotherapy Patients are often high strung o.t. and nervous. Episodes of dermatitis may follow emotion. Crisis Management should be directed toward relieving anxiety.
- 3 Bismuth subsalicylate 0.2 Gm (3 gr) i.M. once weekly for a total of 6-12 or more injections has been suggested.

B Local Measures

- 1 Use salicylic acid lotion containing tar (§ 17 page 100)
- 2 X-ray may be used only in cases where the patient is resistant to other forms of treatment. Treatment must be reserved for the psoriatic.

PSORIASIS (code No. 111.961)

Acut or chronic inflammatory skin disease. It is a chronic disease which is characterized by multiple and papulopustular lesions of varying size and configuration (usually with well defined borders). The lesions have dry silvery scales and bleeding areas when the scales are removed. Pruritus is a frequent accompaniment. The lesions occur on the extensor surfaces of the extremities and on the trunk and scalp. There is sometimes an associated disturbance of the nails but no associated alopecia. Stippling of the skin may be pathognomonic.

Treatment

A General Measures

- 1 Climate Warm climates seem to exert a favorable effect.
- 2 Neurophysiological internal medication (psychosomatic medicine) is of little value with the exception of arsenic which is of doubtful value for the treatment of the lesions and the delayed effect of the arsenic of arsenic (K. L. S. pith liom a).
- a Vitamin D 50,000-100,000 units daily has been recommended. Results are equivocal.
- b A nicotinic acid solution (pyridoxamine nitrate) has been recommended in a dose of 3-15 drops twice daily in patients with beriberi. However, the dosage and the advisability of this drug is subject to much controversy. It may be given in repeated courses if indicated but should not be greater than 2-3 months (p. 239).
- Crude extract 1-2 c.c. i.M. 2-3 times a week. Results are equivocal.
- 3 Psychotherapy is an important factor in the treatment of the patient. It is important to the health of the patient. An attempt should be made to relieve the patient's anxiety.

B Local Measures

- 1 At psoriasis (Avoid irritation. Stimulating drug). Begin with a salicylic acid lotion (§ 14-15 page 100) or bismuth ointment (§ page 102) containing 5% dithionite of coal tar.
- 2 Ailments should be treated gradually in order to mild.

- a. keratoplastic agents (see page 106) into lotions (see page 100) and hydrophilic ointments (see page 103). Watch patient carefully
2. Subacute psoriasis
- a. Give warm baths daily scrubbing the skin lesions thoroughly with brush, soap and water
  - b. Apply increasing concentrations of keratoplastic or stimulating agents (see pages 106 and 107) incorporated in lotions (see page 100) and hydrophilic ointments (see page 103)
  - c. Solar or ultraviolet irradiations may be applied in gradually increasing doses
3. Chronic psoriasis
- a. Ammoniated mercury ointment 5% locally b i d
  - b. Anthralin ointment 4% locally once a day (a o d y e)
  - c. Combined ultraviolet irradiation and tar regimen (modified from Goeckerman). To be carried out daily as needed
    - (1) 5m or 2-5% coal tar ointment (see page 72) thickly on skin and allow to remain for 12-24 hours
    - (2) Wipe off ointment with mineral oil leaving light stain
    - (3) Follow with daily graded suberythema doses of ultraviolet light as tolerated

### PITYRIASIS ROSEA (code No. 111 962)

A common, mild acute inflammatory skin disease of unknown etiology which is characterized by a papulosquamous eruption on the trunk, arms and thighs and which occurs more frequently in the spring and fall. The papules are pink and oval with scaling borders and pale centers; they are typically arranged with their long axes along the cleavage lines of the skin. A single herald patch may precede multiple lesions by a period of several days. The lesions may or may not be pruritic. The disease usually lasts 8 weeks with or without treatment.

#### Treatment

A General Measures. None

B Local Measures.

1. Acute irritated lesions are uncommon. If present treat as for acute dermatitis with wet dressings (see pages 98 and 99) or with astringent lotions (§ 14 (7) pages 100-101)
2. Detergent solution of coal tar 5% in starch lotion b i d
3. Ultraviolet light is helpful
4. Pruritus. See local antipruritic measures on page 67

### SEBORRHEIC DERMATITIS (code No. 111 190)

An acute or chronic papulosquamous dermatitis often associated with excessive oiliness of the skin and occurring in the so-called sebaceous areas of the body (scalp, midportion of face, sternal region and intertriginous regions). The lesions appear (1) as yellowish greasy scales or (2) as an acute or chronic erythematous dermatitis in areas of sebaceous gland concentration and in intertriginous areas lesions frequently are pruritic.

TreatmentA General 1 M

- 1 Diet Well balanced adequate diet avoiding excess sweets, spices, hot drinks and alcoholic beverages
- 2 Regular two king hours rest and sleep
- 3 Simple leanlinas
- 4 Remove aggravating systemic factors (infections, overwork, emotional stress, constipation and dietary abnormalities)

B Local 1 M T at type and stage of dermatitis

- 1 Acute b ulc or chronic eczematous lesions Treat generally as for dermatitis or eczema (see page 71)
- 2 Seborrhea of scalp
  - a Carbolic shampoo 1-2 times a week with mild soap
  - b Ammoniated mercury 5% or a lotion of colltar 5% emulsified in hydrophilic ointment base (see page 103) can be rubbed well into scalp 1-2 times a week and followed by shampoo
  - c Mild coal tar scalp lotion (R 21 page 101) may be used
- 3 Seborrhea of non-hairy areas Mild astringent lotions (R 17 page 100 or 20 page 101) may be used Ointment (R 36 page 104) or 3-5% salicylic acid in hydrophilic ointment (see page 103) may be used (The addition of 1% salicylic acid in more greasy ointments)
- 4 Seborrhea of intertriginous areas Avoid greasy ointments Astringent wet dressings (R 16 page 98) followed by 5% ammoniated mercury in hydrophilic ointment (see page 103) may be used

**EXTERNAL OTITIS (code No. x75 100)**

This may be considered a variant of seborrheic dermatitis and at times may be complicated by an infectious eczematoid dermatitis. A interfection with ceruminous or ceruminous debris to inflammation of the canal wall and protrusion of the eardrum by bacterial infection usually with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (*Bacillus pyocyaneus*). Fungi are rarely involved.

TreatmentA General 1 M

- 1 Penicillin, 300,000 unit once or twice daily 1 M for complications fever and myringotomy drainage
- 2 Phenobarbital, 0.015-0.03 Gm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) b i d q i d

B Local 1 M T at

- 1 Acute lesions Cool wet dressings
- 2 To remove ceruminous debris if present Glycolic acid of hydroxybenzoyl with ceramide as a ceratolytic
- 3 3% Vioform® or amiodol b i d
- 4 Hydrocortisone ointment 1-2 1/2% loc ally b i d
- 5 X-ray therapy in refractory cases (must be given only by a trained specialist)
- 6 Polymyxin B bacitracin ointment (Poly-Bactin®)  
Tetracycline A reomylin® tetracycline or erythromycin ointments (see page 14)

## ACNE VULGARIS (code No 151 7x0)

A common inflammatory skin disease of genetic origin provoked by androgens in the male and progesterone in the female. It is usually found in adolescents with pleomorphic lesions (pustules, blackheads, whiteheads, enlarged pores, cysts and scarring) localized typically on the face, neck, chest, back and shoulders.

TreatmentA General Measures

- 1 Diet Should be adequate and well balanced. Avoid excess of carbohydrates, chocolate, nuts, fatty or fried foods, alcoholic beverages, and spicy foods.
- 2 Eliminate all unnecessary medication, especially bromides or iodides.
- 3 Avoid occupational exposure to mineral oils and greases.
- 4 Endocrine preparations. Estrogens may be tried in the female.
  - a. Ethinyl-coated stilbestrol 0.5 to 1.0 mg (1/20 to 1/10 gr.) daily by mouth.
  - b. Estrogenic substances containing (1 remirin<sup>®</sup>) 1.2 mg (1/40 gr.) daily or
  - c. Piperazine estron sulfate (Sulestrin<sup>®</sup>) 1.5 mg (1/40 gr.) daily.
 Estrogens should be stopped for one week (or menstrually) each month. They should not be used if there is a history of breast or genital malignancy or if chronic cystic mastitis. A periodic Papanicolaou smear of the uterine cervix and vagina is recommended.
- 5 Aquasol vitamin A 100,000 units orally each day for 3 months may be tried but has limited value.
- 6 Correct systemic derangements. Indigestion, constipation, malnutrition, infection, anemia, and emotional disturbances.
- 7 Vaccines. Autogenous and stock vaccines and other foreign protein antigens have been employed with equivocal results.

B Local Measures

- 1 Local cleansing of skin and scalp.
  - a. Ordinary soap for cleansing.
  - b. Avoid greasy cleansing creams and other cosmetics.
  - c. Shampoo scalp 1-2 times a week (§ 48, page 103).
- 2 Extraction and drainage of local lesion. In selected cases only.
  - a. Extract blackheads with comedo extractor after softening face with hot water compresses for 1/2-1 hour.
  - b. Incise and drain fluctuant cystic lesions with small sharp scalpel. Hot compresses 1/2 hour tid favor drainage.
- 3 Keratoplastic and keratolytic agents.
  - a. Hot water or boric acid compresses (not steaming) may be used to produce hyperemia and desquamation of lesions.
  - b. Keratolytic lotions. Acne lotion (see if resin lotion) (§ 19, page 101) or sulfur resorcinol lotion (§ 20, page 101) may be tried. They are applied locally to the skin at bedtime and washed off in the morning.
  - c. Keratolytic ointments and pastes. Begin with weak preparations and build up a tolerated. Apply at bedtime and

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(2) Urticaria is intense

(3) Antihistaminic drugs have failed to give relief

c Ephedrine sulfate 0.025 Gm (3/8 gr) orally q.i.d.

d Ephedrine Sedative mixtures for therapy or prophylaxis

(1) Ephedrine sulfate and pentobarbital sodium

℞ Ephedrine sulfate 0.025 gr 3/8

Pentobarbital sodium 0.025 gr 3/8

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(2) Ephedrine sulfate and phenobarbital

℞ Ephedrine sulfate 0.025 gr 3/8

Phenobarbital 0.015 gr 1/4

Sig One q.i.d.

3 ACTH or cortisone may provide spectacular improvement in severe or fulminant angioneurotic edema (see page 423)

These drugs should be used only if it is apparent that the patient will not respond to more conservative measures

6 Miscellaneous measures have been recommended for the chronic form of the disease but their value is questioned

a Hydrochloric acid dilute 15.0 gr t.i.d. a.c. and during meals. Brush teeth after meals with sodium bicarbonate

b Calcium gluconate 1.0 Gm (15 gr) t.i.d. orally p.c.  
Other calcium salts may also be used

B Local Measures Antipruritics are frequently of benefit

1 Soothing antipruritic baths (see page 87)

2 Soothing antipruritic lotions (see page 100)

### Prophylaxis

A Eliminate and avoid re-exposure to causative factors

1 Sensitizing drugs. Almost all drugs are capable of producing an urticarial reaction. Opiates, barbiturates, salicylates, penicillin, sulfonamides, bromides, iodides, antihistaminics, ACTH, etc.

2 Sensitizing foods. Any food may produce an urticarial response in susceptible individuals and should be considered in obscure cases (particularly chronic cases) of urticaria.

3 Aggravating physical factors, e.g., excess heat and cold, skin and mucous membrane irritants.

4 Aggravating systemic factors, e.g., chronic infections, foci of infections, parasitic infestations, and blood dyscrasias.

B Relief of Psychic Disturbance. In susceptible individuals, emotional stress and strain may precipitate the lesions.

## INTERTRIGO (code No. 111-437)

Erythema due to chafing of the skin

### Treatment

Treat as tinea cruris but do not use fungicidal agents (see page

# MILIARIA (Heat Rash) (code No 153-445)

An acute dermatitis characterized by small erythematous burning, and often pruritic papules, vesicles and pustules which occur most commonly on the upper extremities, trunk and intertriginous areas. It is caused by exposure to a hot moist environment.

## Treatment

### A General Measures

1. Provide optimal working conditions when possible i.e. controlled temperature, ventilation and humidity.
2. Avoid wet bathing and use of strong irritating soaps.

### B Local Measures

1. Antipruritic cooling lotion apply b.i.d. to q.i.d.

|                     |      |       |
|---------------------|------|-------|
| R Menthol           | 10   | gr xv |
| Pheol               | 20   | oz    |
| Glycerin            | 150  | 3iv   |
| Alcohol 35% q.s. ad | 2400 | 8viii |

2. Drying astringent lotion (R 14 with 1% pheol o R 15 page 100)
3. Sulfur resorcinol lotion (for seborrheic skin) (R 20 page 101)
4. Antipruritic powders or other dusting powders (see page 93)
5. Treat secondary infections (pyoderma, superficial) with potassium permanganate soaks compresses or baths (see page 98). Ammoniated mercury 2.5% in a hydrophilic ointment (see page 103) may be employed advantageously.
6. Tannic acid 10% in 70% alcohol locally b.i.d.

## Prophylaxis

- A Toughen or tan skin. Graduated exposure (increased daily) to sunlight or ultraviolet light for individuals who will later be subjected to hot moist atmosphere.
- B General Measures (See above).
- C Avoid exposure to adverse atmospheric conditions for extremely susceptible individuals.

# ANO-GENITAL PRURITUS

(Ani code No 143 573) (Vulvae code No 771 570)

## Differential

- A Consider the risk of systemic causes of pruritus, anxiety state, diabetes,itch monst infection and intestinal parasites.
- B Rule out all obvious local pathological conditions of the anus and rectum. Bowel irregularities or local cutaneous diseases.

## Treatment (See also Pruritus page 67)

### A General Measures

1. Diet. Avoid hot spicy foods (e.g. hot peppers or chili) and drugs which can irritate the anal mucosa.
2. Treat constipation if present (see page 254).
3. Provide necessary proctologic treatment as indicated.
4. Instruct the patient to use very soft or moistened toilet cloth after a bowel movement and to clean thoroughly. Women should apply appropriate precautions during menstruation.
5. Instruct the patient regarding harmful and poisonous

## 82 Callosities

### Prevention of scratching

#### B Local Measures

- 1 Calamine lotion with 1% phenol applied locally
- 2 Sitz baths b i d if the area is acutely inflamed and oozing, using 1:10,000 to 1:200 (0.01 to 0.5%) silver nitrate 1:10,000 (0.01%) potassium permanganate or 1:10 (5%) aluminum acetate solution
- 3 Underclothing should be changed daily
- 4 Control excessive perspiration by use of drying powders such as talc (see page 93)
- 5 Paleot fissured or ulcerated areas with 5 to 10% silver nitrate
- 6 1 to 2 1/2% hydrocortisone ointment locally b i d
- 7 X-ray therapy may be used if other measures fail. This should be reserved for the specialist

### Prophylaxis

- A Treat all possible systemic or local causes
- B Instruct the patient in proper and genital hygiene

## CALLOSITIES (code No. 112-430) and CORNS (of feet or toes code No. 148-433)

### Treatment

#### A Remove the factors which cause friction and result in the horny overgrowths

- 1 Shoes must be properly fitted
- 2 Orthopedic deformities must be treated and corrected

#### B Remove Callosities By

- 1 Soaking of callus after warm water soaks
- 2 Keratolysis by use of chemical agents

|   |   |                  |    |   |    |
|---|---|------------------|----|---|----|
| a | 1 | Salicylic acid   | 4  | 0 | 31 |
|   |   | Acetone          | 4  | 0 | 31 |
|   |   | Collodion q s ad | 15 | 0 | ss |

Sig Apply locally to callus every night and cover with a strip of adhesive. Remove adhesive in the morning. Repeat until corn or callus is removed.

b Commercial salicylic acid corn plasters may be used

- 3 A metatarsal leather bar 1/2 inch wide and 1/4 inch high may be placed on the outside of the shoe just behind the weight bearing surface of the sole

## DRY SKIN (Congenital Senile or Environmental)

### Treatment

#### A General Instruction to Patient

- 1 Avoid excessive bathing and use no soap. Avoid undue drying, irritating or keratolytic medications; avoid cold or dry environment.
- 2 Apply simple greases liberally to the skin while it is wet.
  - a Vegetable greases: coconut butter, vegetable cooking fats
  - b Animal greases: hydrous wool fat (lanolin)
  - c Liquid petrolatum (mineral oil) and petrolatum
  - d Simple ointments (see pages 102-103)

- 3 Soap and detergents may be used when bathing but they may do more harm than good

#### B General Measures

- 1 Treat complicating dermatoses (e.g. eczema) and pyoderma by appropriate measures (see pages 72 and 83)
- 2 Vitamin A in high doses (50 000-100 000 units daily) has been recommended but results are questionable

### HERPES SIMPLEX (Cold or Fever Sore) (code No. 13 166)

An acute viral infection apparently precipitated by various causes such as infection, allergy, ultraviolet radiation and psychic trauma. The small grouped vesicles appear anywhere but are most frequent on the skin and mucous membranes of the face, nose, mouth, throat and genitalia. Regional lymph nodes may be involved. Attacks are usually self-limited but are often recurrent.

#### Treatment

For persistent or severe recurrent herpes

#### A General Treatment

- 1 Eliminate precipitating factors when possible
- 2 Routine smallpox vaccination at weekly intervals for 6-8 weeks. Equivocal results
- 3 Aureomycin probably effective against the primary lesions

#### B Local Measures

- 1 Dust vesicles twice daily with bismuth formic acid (BFI) powder or use
  - a. Shake lotions (H 14 15 page 100)
  - b. Spirits of camphor
  - c. Tincture of benzoin (H 41 page 105)
- 2 Hydrocortisone ointment 1-2% locally applied as a sedative of value
- 3 Aureomycin eye drops (0.5%) locally applied may be of value in patients with dendritic keratitis
- 4 If there is associated cellulitis and lymphadenitis apply cool compresses
- 5 Treatment of stomatitis as outlined on page 261
- 6 Use ray therapy in selected cases. The question of immunization by expert personnel

### HERPES ZOSTER (Shingles) (code No. 13 167)

An acute vesicular dermatitis of viral origin which has a characteristic distribution corresponding to the distribution of sensory nerves and is associated with various local nerve symptoms (neuralgia, pruritus, burning and autonomic sensory or motor disturbances). The involvement involves the sensory nerves of the extremities and the ophthalmic nerve is most commonly involved unilaterally and unilaterally involved but the eruption may be generalized (resembling chickenpox). The condition is usually self-limited and nonrecurrent, although at times a persistent eruption

## 84 Lupus Erythematosus

remain. The disease may be precipitated by or may be a manifestation of chronic infections, local trauma, heavy metal poisoning, or lymphoblastomas.

### Treatment

#### A General Measures

- 1 Sedation. If irritates or bromid. may help control tension and nervousness associated with neuralgia.
- 2 Analgesics. Aspirin 0.65 Gm (10 gr) or aspirin compound with or without codeine phosphate 0.65 Gm (10 gr) will usually control the pain.

#### B Local Measures

- 1 Wet dressings may be necessary for acute and extensive inflammatory lesions (see pages 93-99).
- 2 Calamine lotion or other shake lotions (see page 100) are often of value. Apply lotion liberally and cover with a protective layer of cotton batting. Avoid greases.
- 3 X-ray therapy given by an expert may be helpful.
- 4 ACTH gel, 40 mg i.m. daily for 3 days may relieve the pain.

## LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS (code No. 110 1x9)

### Diagnosis

An acute or chronic dermatitis of unknown origin manifested by two main clinical types:

- A Discoid Type. Mild local, chronic eruption over nose and cheeks (butterfly pattern) with no constitutional symptoms.
- B Disseminated Type. A serious systemic disease which occurs in acute and chronic forms with or without discoid skin lesions and associated with fever, weakness, anemia, and evidence of diffuse vascular lesions such as endocarditis, arthritis, and nephritis (see page 519 for diagnosis and treatment of disseminated type).

### Treatment

#### A General Measures

- 1 Perform complete medical study to rule out systemic lupus erythematosus.
  - a Examine for chronic infections.
  - b Determine cardiac, renal, and joint status.
- 2 Provide protection from sunlight and all other powerful radiation. Do not use any form of radiation therapy.
- 3 Maintain optimal general health by well-balanced adequate diet with supplementary vitamins and iron as indicated. Insure adequate rest and prescribe bed rest when the patient is febrile.
- 4 Nonspecific therapy for discoid type only.
  - a Quinacrine hydrochloride (Atabrine®) 0.3 Gm (5 gr) orally daily for 2 weeks then 0.1 Gm (1½ gr) daily for 3 months or more.
  - b Chloroquine diphosphate 0.5 Gm (7½ gr) daily for 1 week then 0.25 Gm (3¾ gr) daily watch for signs of toxicity with both of these drugs.

- B Local Measures. Treat the existing stage of dermatitis by appropriate measures (see pages 96-97 and 108).

# INFECTIONS OF THE SKIN ACUTE SUPERFICIAL INFECTIONS

Th acute superficial infections include the following  
 1 Impetigo contagiosa (code No 111 10 )  
 2 Ecthyma (cod No 110 105 i)  
 3 Syphilis (cod No 161 105)  
 4 Acute infectious eczematoid dermatitis (code No 110 1005)  
 5 Simple superficial pyoderma (cod No 1 100 i)  
 6 Secondary infection of other dermatoses usually polymorphic Staphylococcus aureus and/or the streptococcus

## Treatment

1. General Systemic anti-infectives may be tried if the skin infection is resistant to local treatment if it is extensive and accompanied by fever. If it is complicated or if it involves the so-called dangerous areas of upper lip, nose and eyes (Refer to section on Antibiotic Therapy on page 514)  
 Penicillin in a daily dose of 300,000 units i.m. is efficient and effective for this purpose but may be modified in dosage. Other antibiotic drugs may be substituted as the individual case demands (see page 514)

2. Local Cleanse gently with mild solution of soap and water (see pages 98-99) to involve the skin for 15 minutes b.i.d.  
 3. When skin is softened by soak gently open large pustules and trim away necrotic tissue.

4. Local anti-infective agents are of proved value. These may be used individually until effective agent is determined. They should be applied all wing 3-4 days for evaluation. After the evaluation should be initiated at night and protected by dressing. Soaks should be applied during the day. After the evaluation should be applied 2-4 times daily.

5. Aqueous ointment 1% locally q.i.d.  
 6. Vioform ointment (iodochloroxyquin lin.) 3% locally b.i.d.  
 Other antibiotics may be used or in combination as ointments locally b.i.d. to q.i.d. These include Terramycin® A, neomycin® and polymyxin B in combination with bacitracin or Terramycin® neomycin chloramphenicol and erythromycin (see page 514).

5. Local agents are of value in treatment but attended by increased risk of sensitization reaction.  
 a. Penicillin In ointment 500-1,000 units/gram or in compresses of 1% solution or hydrophilic or other ointment base (20% of individuals may be sensitive).  
 In general the topical use of these antibiotic drugs which are systemically administered is to be considered. Up to 10% of individuals may be sensitive to the drug.

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### b Sulfathiazole Urea powder

- (1) R Sulfathiazole powder TO O 311 1/2  
Urea 30 O 31

Sig Dust or rub in a small quantity locally

- (2) Sulfathiazole 5% in starch lotion (B 15 page 100)

Shak well and apply locally to involved area

### Prophylaxis

Control precipitating or aggravating factors systemic causes (e.g. diabetes) or local causes (e.g. mechanical or chemical skin irritations, discharges, etc.)

## CHRONIC SECONDARY INFECTIONS

Determine all possible factors favoring chronicity. Obtain bacterial cultures and determine organism sensitivity to antibiotic agents whenever possible.

### Treatment

#### A General Measures

- 1 Diet Well balanced and adequate in proteins and vitamins
- 2 Consider use of vigorous systemic anti-infective therapy

#### B Local Measures

- 1 Use local measures as for cutaneous superficial infections
- 2 Treat underlying dermatosis according to stage and type of lesion (see pages 86, 97 and 108)
- 3 Consider x-ray therapy if all other measures are ineffective. This must be reserved for the specialist.

## ACUTE and CHRONIC INFECTIONS of SKIN APPENDAGES

Examine for local and systemic causes of these infections particularly if they become severe or chronic. The following disorders are included:

- 1 Folliculitis pustular (code No. 161.92)
- 2 Furunculosis (code No. 161.100.0)
- 3 Carbuncle (code No. 161.100.3)
- 4 Hidradenitis (code No. 162.100)

### Treatment

- A General Measures Use systemic anti-infective therapy if lesions are severe, extensive, complicated or located in dangerous areas (about neck and head)

#### B Local Measures

- 1 Avoid over-manipulation of inflamed areas
- 2 Use moist or dry heat to help larger lesions localize
- 3 Use proper surgical incision, epilation or debridement after lesions are mature

## COMPLICATIONS OF SKIN INFECTIONS

If pathogenic bacteria from infections of the skin invade deep structures a number of the following may be produced and other more serious infection may also occur

- 1 Cellulitis (cod No 18 100)
- 2 Acute lymphangitis (code N 54 100 1)
- 3 Acute lymphadenitis (cod No 55 100 1)

### Treatment

#### A General Measures

- 1 Bed rest with immobilization of affected extremity or part
- 2 Systemic anti-infective agent must be administered in effective doses (see page 514)
- 3 Analgesic necessary for pain (see page 36)

#### B Local Measures

- 1 Immobilization of affected part in lightly elevated position
- 2 Local heat area using warm moist compresses if abscesses or pustules are present. Avoid maceration of skin (use no occlusive covering)
- 3 Local anti-infective agents to open infected areas at night

## FUNGAL INFECTIONS OF THE SKIN

### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Diagnosis

Usually based on

#### A Characteristic Development of Lesion (See description below)

#### B Laboratory Examination

- 1 Direct examination of fungi in 10% potassium hydroxide preparation of scrapings from suspected lesions
- 2 Culture of organisms
- 3 Skin tests (e.g. Trichophylin) are not reliable
- 4 Staining of histological sections with periodic-acid Schiff technique

#### Treatment

#### A Local Measures

- 1 Treat cutaneous fungal infections initially as if a secondary cutaneous dermatitis (see page 108). It may be necessary to treat the dermatitis before instituting fungicidal medication
- 2 Most fungi are highly resistant to long skin irritants. It is easy to overtreat. AVOID this

#### B General Measures and Prophylaxis

- 1 Keep skin dry. Moisturize the growth of fungi
- a Cool limit when possible is to be preferred
- b Evaporative perspiration must be avoided. Reduce sweating and activities in hot dry
- c Dry fully after bathing or after perspiring
- d Socks and other clothing should be changed often



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- e Sandals or open toed shoes should be worn as they permit adequate drying of feet
- f Secretions of skin should be reduced or controlled
  - (1) General or systemic measures
    - (a) Sedatives in tense nervous patients Phenobarbital, 15-30 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) t i d to q i d
    - (b) Anhidrotic drugs (e.g. atropine) are usually ineffective
  - (2) Local measures
    - (a) Talc or other drying powders (see page 89)
    - (b) Drying soaks (see pages 88-89)
- g Toughen skin by graded daily sunbaths or by quartz lamp treatment
- 2 Foci of fungal infections should be eradicated or controlled
  - a Treat nails umbilicus groin webs of toes and other areas where fungi are found
  - b Group or community showers or bathing places unless strictly supervised should be avoided

### TINEA CAPITIS (Ringworm of Scalp) (code No 162.211)

This contagious sometimes epidemic condition occurs almost exclusively in children. It is very persistent but clears spontaneously at puberty. The lesions are originally red and scaling and result in circular areas of alopecia. Fluorescence under the Wood light is characteristic in Microsporon infections (90% of cases). There is often a history of contact with infected individuals or household pets.

#### Treatment

A General Measures None

B Local Specific Measures It may require 2 months or more to cure the disease. The human type is more difficult to cure than the animal type (dogs and cats).

- 1 Scalp cleansing and preparation (Not essential.)
  - a Clip hair closely every 2 weeks and have patient wear a clean stocking cap or skull cap for protection
  - b Wash scalp as necessary
- 2 Fungicidal salves Rub these well into scalp morning and night after scalp has been washed
  - a Salicylanilide 5% in Carbowax 1500<sup>®</sup> ointment
  - b Benzoic acid and salicylic acid ointment (Whitfield's) one-half strength (R 34 page 104)
  - c Sulfur salicylic acid ointment (R 38 page 104)
- 3 Epilation Use Westinghouse 250 Watt purple X lamp to demonstrate fluorescent infected hairs. Remove infected hairs daily by tweezers or by adhesive tape technique.
- 4 X-rays may be used effectively and may work when chemical and mechanical measures fail. X-ray therapy must be given by trained personnel only. Do not re-epilate with x-rays.

Trichophyton is

A Indication

- 1 Exchange of headgear must be avoided

- 2 Infected individuals or household pet must be vigorously treated and re-examined for determination of cure
- 3 Scalp must be washed after barber shop haircut

**B Group**

- 1 Routine school surveys may be advisable
- 2 Epidemic precautions
  - a Wood light examination of students less than 15 years old
  - b Isolation of infected individual in special classrooms
  - c Careful follow-up of infected individuals and periodic re-examination of all children until all cases are cured
  - d Education of barbers regarding handling of infected individuals

**PITYRIASIS VERSICOLOR OR TINEA VERSICOLOR**  
(code No 112 208)

A mild condition characterized by tan or pinkish, very fine scaling on areas of variable size only mildly pruritic usually found on the upper trunk. Healed areas remain depigmented for a few months.

**Treatment**

- A Corticosteroids Encourage normal skin hygiene
- B Specific Medications One of the following may be used
  - 1 Sod. metabisulfite 10% aqueous solution b.i.d.
  - 2 Mild White lead ointment 1/4 1/2 strength (B 34 page 104) t.b.i.d.

**TINEA CORPORIS OR TINEA CIRCINATA**  
(Body Ringworm) (code No 130 211)

Body ringworm is characterized by single or multiple (relative to few) slightly papular circular lesions with border central area and with min to vesicle. In the actively spreading periphery they are found most commonly on the trunk, neck and limbs. Lesions occasionally a thick pigment deposit. Diagnosis should be confirmed by demonstration of the fungi.

**Treatment**

- A Corticosteroids (See page 87)
- B Local Medications Avoid oral treatment
  - 1 Treat the progressive stage of the disease material (see 98 to 99 108)
  - 2 Fungicidal agents
    - a R. S. Ileyli acid 0.3 gr v
    - Sulfur ppt 0.9 gr x
    - Hydrophilic ointment
    - q.s. ad 30.0 i
    - Sig. Locally b.i.d.
    - b Zincundecate (undecylenic acid and zinc undecylate)
      - Intimate mixture used in the less chronic and non-thickened lesions

**Prevention**

- A Sanitary Measures on page 87
- B Avoid contact with infected individual
- C Avoid exchange of clothing without dequitting laundry ring

# USEFUL MEDICATIONS FOR SKIN DISEASES

| Name   | Action   | Preparation                          | Technique   |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| A Starch and soda bath                                   | Cleansing and soothing                               | 1/2 c p hot water in a tub at 100° F | No an. The patient is sitting in the tub for 10 minutes.        |
| B Cool wet dress: g<br>Ror Acid USP<br>B P               | Cooling and soothing                                 | 1 Tb p in 1 qt water                 | Wet the dress with the solution and apply to the affected area. |
| b Alminum Acetat<br>US I                                 | Cleansing and drying                                 | 1/2 c p in 1 qt water                | Wet the dress with the solution and apply to the affected area. |
| c Iota rum<br>P m Ganate<br>US I B P                     | Deodorizing  | 1/2 c p in 1 qt water                | Wet the dress with the solution and apply to the affected area. |
| C Hot wet dressings<br>Mg sulphate<br>US P B P           | Fromot and local<br>infection and<br>phagocytes      | 1/2 c p in 1 qt water                | Wet the dress with the solution and apply to the affected area. |
| D Starch USP B P<br>(Add 5% de gnt<br>lution of coal t ) | Soothing and drying<br>(N. atopl all<br>and h ling ) | 1/2 c p in 1 qt water                | Wet the dress with the solution and apply to the affected area. |

| N m  | A t   | P s p t e m  | T h u c   |
|--|---|--|---|
| E Hyd ophal Ointm t<br>U S P                           | V h l f w t<br>l b l m d<br>F p b h<br>F s g d<br>F m | O m y d d<br>5% m m t d m y<br>1% a l y l d<br>3% u l f u<br>5% d t r g n t l t f f<br>l t | Apply sp i gly w th fingertip b l d                         |
| F 5% S l ylanil d<br>N F i n<br>C bowax 150)g          | F e t i p t s   | D p n 60 Gm o b<br>( i n t m t )   | L ally b d to t l i p (l t s<br>e r y t o c l p t h h i f ) |
| G K w i p i n t m t (h<br>h l o y i h a n e)           | F r s b i e d<br>p d u l i s                          | D p 30 Gm  | L ally b d f o l t 3 d y s                                  |
| H A q m y i n<br>(0 l e)                               | F p y o d m   | B N m y n 0 12 g r<br>D t l l e d w t<br>q d 120 0 i                                       | Apply with c t t b d t o q i d                              |
| I Methyl l u n<br>Chl o d U S P<br>(G n t l a n l l t) | F o m m l i   | D p e 30 i<br>o f 1 f a q o s l t  | P i n t o w i t h p p l c a t o r o e d i l y               |
| J P a e m b o c<br>A d U S P<br>e m a l o m b (10%)    | P t t f m<br>t i m r y s                              | D s p a s 60 Gm o  | Apply to p o d u f s a c h m o r n<br>a n g                 |
| K L a P t (Z<br>O d P t N F)                           | P t t a n d<br>s t h a n g                            | D p s 30 Gm i  | Locally b l d   |

# METHODS OF LOCAL TREATMENT OF VARIOUS TYPES OF SKIN LESIONS

| Type of Skin Lesion  | Example  | Methods of Local Treatment<br>Always treat the stage as well as type of dermatitis  |
|--|--|---|
| 1. Maculæ<br>Simple erythema<br>(asymptomatic)<br>Pruriginous erythema   | Drug erythema<br>Sunburn   | Soothing wet dressings or stake lotions   |
| 2. Papules<br>Maculopapular lesions<br>Papulosquamous<br>Lesions acute<br>chronic<br>Acneiform lesions<br>Lichenified lesions<br>Verrucous lesions | Pityriasis rosea<br>Psoriasis<br>Psoriasis<br>Acne vulgaris<br>Lichen planus<br>Verru vulgaris | Mild keratoplastic lotions and ointments<br>Soothing wet dressings or stake lotions<br>Keratoplastic and later keratolytic agents<br>keratolytic and astringent agents<br>Keratoplastic and later keratolytic agents<br>Keratolytic and caustic agents  |
| 3. Vesicles<br>Multiple vesicles or<br>diffuse weeping<br>lesions<br>Herpetiform lesions<br>Blisters   | Eczema<br>Itches contact<br>dermatitis   | Soothing wet dressings during daytime and stake lotions or pastes<br>at night. Aspran as substitutes change to powders and creams<br>Shake lotions or wet dressings<br>Wet dressings and hydrocortisone stake lotions   |
| 4. Ulcers<br>Impetiginous<br>Ecthymatoid<br>Furunculoid<br>Folliculitis  | Impetigo<br>Ecthyma<br>Furunculosis<br>Syphilis  | Wet dressing and broad antimicrobial powders, solutions and<br>ointments<br>Wet dressing, debridement and antiseptic powders, solutions and<br>ointments<br>Warm moist ointment infection (only when ripe) and drainage<br>(infection on lines of tip)<br>Wet dressing and antiseptic solutions and ointments |

| Type of Skin Lesion  | Example  | Always treat with the following type of treatment  |
|--|--|--|
| 5 Ulcers<br>Simple superficial<br>Deep pyogenic<br>Diptheritic<br>Ulcerations<br>Simple whorls<br>Angioneurotic<br>edema | Simple<br>ulcers<br>Trophic<br>Ulcers<br>Hiv<br>Angioneurotic<br>edema<br>Simple fissure | Wet dressing<br>antiseptic solutions and ointments<br>Wet dressing<br>antiseptic solution and ointments<br>Wet dressings<br>antiseptic solution and ointments<br>Antipruritic<br>soothing baths and alkali lotions |
| 7 Fissures   |  | Silicification<br>dressing   |
| 8 Eczema<br>Secretory<br>Infective   | Eczema<br>Impetigo   | Wet dressing<br>debridement<br>followed with antiseptic<br>solutions<br>Wet dressing<br>debridement<br>followed with antiseptic<br>solutions<br>and ointment   |
| 9 Dermatitis<br>Allergic<br>Adherent<br>Non-adherent<br>(eczematous)   | Poriasis<br>Eczema<br>dermatitis<br>Scabies<br>Intertrigo                                | Keratolytic and<br>sterilizing agents<br>Wet dressing<br>baths<br>shak lotion<br>less ointments<br>Keratolytic<br>agents<br>Wet dressing<br>shak lotion<br>and powders   |
| 10 Mottled<br>discolorations   |  |  |

# SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR SOAKS AND WET DRESSINGS

Indications for use of each solution are given in parentheses.

Solutions must be applied cool (lukewarm for inflammation).

- (1) Use in soaks (2-3 quarts of solution) for hemorrhoids.
- (2) Wet dressings for localized inflammation, usually hot and swollen.
- (a) Open dressings for erythema and wet macerated areas (soaked sponges).
- (b) Closed dressings should not be used.

For the solution, use the following quantities:

| Agent                            | Action       | Range of Concentration         | Measurement  | Preparation of Solution   |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---|
| 1. Sodium Chloride U.S.P. B.P.   | (See above)  | 0.5% to 1.0% (0.5% to 1.0%)    | 5 grains     | Commonly for wet dressing   |
| 2. Sodium Borate U.S.P. B.P.     | Antipruritic | 1.5% to 2.0% (1.5% to 2.0%)    | 3 grains     | 2 1/2 dr. (2 1/2 oz.) NaCl to 1 qt. water or 9 Gm. NaCl to 1 liter water  |
| 3. Boric Acid U.S.P. B.P.        | Antipruritic | 1.0% to 2.5% (1.0% to 2.5%)    | 3 grains     | 2 1/2 dr. (2 1/2 oz.) H <sub>2</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> to 1 qt. water or 30 Gm. H <sub>2</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> to 1 liter water |
| 4. Magnesium Sulfate U.S.P. B.P. | Antipruritic | 1.0% to 2.5% (1.0% to 2.5%)    | 3 grains     | 2 1/2 dr. (2 1/2 oz.) NaHCO <sub>3</sub> to 1 qt. water or 30 Gm. NaHCO <sub>3</sub> to 1 liter water                         |
| 5. Aluminum Subacetate U.S.P.    | Antipruritic | 1.2% to 1.10% (0.5% to 1.0%)   | 5 grains     | 4 Drams (1/2 oz.) to 1 qt. or 1 liter water   |
| 6. Silver Nitrate U.S.P. B.P.    | Antipruritic | 1.10% to 1.20% (0.01% to 0.5%) | 1.400 grains | 10 cc. of 25% AgNO <sub>3</sub> solution or 5 Gm. AgNO <sub>3</sub> to 1 qt. or 1 liter water                                 |

| Agent  | Active   | Reg. of Com. (id)   | Mol. C. Carbon Str. gth U d | P. p. tion of Sol. t. of Al. t. C mm by Emplo. ed St. e. gth.  |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------|--|
| R 7 Mercury B. hlo. d N F B P                            | Ant. se. t. Ant. s. pti  | 1 10 000 1 1 000 (0 01% 0 1%)   | 1 1 000 0 1%                | On 1 0 Gm. (15 gr.) tabl. t. HgCl <sub>2</sub> to 1 qt. 1 lit. r. wat. r. of sea. Do not use on denuded areas                                |
| R 8 P. t. i. m. Pe. mangani. U S P B P                   | Antipru. ill. Oxidizing. A. t. ept. c. A. t. ing. t.   | 1 10 000 1 400 (0 01% 0 25%)  | 1 10 000 0 01%              | On 0 3 Gm. (5 gr.) t. t. let. KMnO <sub>4</sub> t. 3 qt. 0 3 lit. r. wat. r. 0 1 Gm. (1 1/2 gr.) KMnO <sub>4</sub> t. 1 qt. r. 1 liter water |
| POWDERS  |  |   |                             |  |
| V. me. N F   | P. bt.   | Instruction and R. m. k.  |                             |  |
| R 9 St. h. U S P N F B P                                 |  | R. d. ly. labile. 11 p. p. e. d. y. g. south. 1 g. powd. r. Add b. r. i. a. id to 50% s. ti. ept. c.  |                             |  |
| R 10 Tal. U S P (t. l. m.)                               |  | S. m. pl. dusting powder  |                             |  |
| R 11 Fo. l. p. w. de. simple                             | R. S. h. yll. s. id. B. r. i. c. d. T. J. um.  | S. m. pl. powd. r.  |                             |  |
| R 12 Dusting p. w. d. r. tip. itic                       | R. C. mph. r. p. w. d. ed. 2 0 6 0 3 s. 19. Z. c. x. de. powd. ed. 16 0 i. Sta. h. powder. d. q. ad 100 0 x. | Simple antipruritic powd. r.  |                             |  |
| R 13 DDT (D. hlo. d. p. t. yll. t. i. h. l. ro- tha. j.) | R. DDT. T. l. c. m. q. s. d.   | Sig. Apply 1/2 to 1 oz. o. e. r. the. e. t. r. e. s. r. fa. e. of. u. der. we. r. nd. treat. seams. on. inside. of. sh. rt. nd. t. ous. r. s. R. m. k. s. Eff. cti. e. g. n. t. li. pedicul. i. |                             |  |



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- 1 To correct fat deficits
- 2 To provide mechanical protection to the underlying lesions
- 3 To help absorb or limit the transudate from underlying lesions (This holds true only for the hydrophilic preparation)
- 4 To apply a therapeutic agent to the skin

- <sup>1</sup> A lot of inflammation  
in hairy areas (e.g.  
the axilla)  
is due to the presence  
of the pyogenic follicle.

| Preparation     | Description                                       | Particulars |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| <b>ONJMENTS</b> |   |             |
| 8 4             | Petrolatum white U S P<br>White soft paraffin B I |             |
| 8 2             | Petrolatum white U S P<br>Petrolatum white U S P  |             |
| 8 26            | Wool fat hydrous U S P<br>B P (Lanolin)           |             |
| 8 27            | Wool fat U S P<br>[A hydrous U S P]               |             |
| 8 28            | Zinc oxide U S P<br>B P                           |             |
| 8 29            | Thiobrom oil U S P<br>B P (Cocobutyl)             |             |

| P p t   |                                    | P  |  | pt |  | Ph m   |  | g                                 |  | l p l t  |  |
|---|------------------------------------|--|--|----|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| CREAMS (C t w w t )   |                                    |  |  |    |  |  |  |                                   |  |  |  |
| Ad t ge   |                                    | M  |  | ft |  | g and  |  | th g th u                         |  | tm l   |  |
| R 30  | Hyd ph li O em t<br>U S P          | R M thylp b<br>Pr pyp b<br>S d m l y l s M te<br>Gly rin<br>St y l i hol<br>Wh t p t l t m<br>W t q d                                  |  |    |  | 0 025 g<br>0 015 g<br>1 0 gr<br>12 0 l<br>25 0 3m<br>5 0 3m<br>100 0 |  | 3/8<br>1/4<br>gr<br>l<br>3m<br>3m |  | P v r p t t m l m b b wate<br>g od h l l f w te l bl<br>medl m t |  |
| R 31  | R w t r O tm nt<br>U S P           | R Sp m t<br>Wh t w<br>E p d l m o d o l<br>S d l m b te<br>R t<br>D t l l d w t<br>R l l   |  |    |  | 12<br>12 0<br>56 0<br>0 5<br>5 0<br>14 0<br>0 02                     | 3 l<br>34 l<br>3 l<br>gr<br>11/4<br>34 l s<br>11/3 |                                   | C l d m (w t r l)<br>a d o th g effect   | lung   |  |
| R 32  | Em l i b s e                       | R Dup l O C<br>C t y l l h l<br>St y l l hol<br>Wh te p e t l t m<br>H v y l q d p t r o l u m<br>B t b o<br>D s t l l e d w a t r q d |  |    |  | 1 6<br>7 0<br>7 0<br>20 0<br>2 0<br>0 05<br>100 0                    | g<br>3 13/4<br>13/4<br>v<br>3<br>gr<br>xrv         |                                   | No h t u n g d o t t i n g L e<br>m s s y t h a n o t h r e r e m a n d t<br>m n t   |  |  |
| PASTES (H gh p w d t t l p m t a p t d o l g d s e e v a l t a) |                                    |  |  |    |  |  |  |                                   |  |  |  |
| R 33  | Z U d P t<br>N P (L s r s<br>P t ) | R Z c x d<br>St h<br>P t l a t u m w h i t<br>q d  |  |    |  | 5 0<br>25 0<br>100 0   | 3<br>3   |                                   | M h a n l p t e t l c e<br>a d h e l b u t d r p e n t r t i o<br>o f m d i c a m e t (A d d 2% h l s<br>t l o r 5% t y l a l c o h o l t o m r e<br>w t m b b g p w ) |  |  |

## OINTMENTS, MISCELLANEOUS STANDARD PRESCRIPTIONS

| Common Name  | Ingredients   | Preparations                           | Instructions and Remarks  |
|--|---|--|---|
| R 34 Ointment of<br>Benzoic acid<br>Salicylic Acid<br>V F (Whiffled) | Salicylic acid<br>Benzoic acid<br>Wool fat<br>Petrolatum q s ad | 30<br>120 iii<br>50 i<br>1000 xxv      | 5g Apply locally to skin<br>Remarks Effective fungicide. Often best prescribed in 12 1/2 strength               |
| R 35 Aluminum acetate<br>ointment<br>(12 1/2)                        | Alum acetate Sol<br>Wool fat<br>Zinc oxide paste                | 100 0 iiss<br>00 2v<br>300 0 2i        | 5g Apply locally to skin p r n<br>Remarks Valuable on receding inflamedatory processes                          |
| R 36 Sulfur salicylic<br>acid ointment                               | Sulfur<br>Salicylic acid<br>Petrolatum q s ad                   | 100 0 3v<br>100 0 3v<br>1000 0 xxv     | 5g Apply locally to skin p r n<br>Remarks Excellent fungicidal combination                                      |
| R 37 Calamine cream  | Hydrophilic<br>ointment U S P<br>Calamine lotion                | 330 3viii<br>660 xvi                   | 5g Apply locally to skin, p r n<br>Remarks Good general purpose cream<br>Useful vehicle for water soluble germs |
| R 38 Ammonium mercury<br>ointment                                    | Ammonium mercury<br>Petrolatum q s ad                           | 50 0 3v<br>1000 0 xxv                  | 5g Apply locally to skin p r n<br>Remarks Very effective dermatitis an<br>pocellase                             |
| R 39 Kaolin and sulfur<br>ointment                                   | Kaolin<br>Sulfur ppt<br>Zinc oxide oint q s ad                  | 100 0 iiss<br>100 0 iiss<br>1000 0 xxv | 5g Apply locally at bedtime<br>Remarks A good substitute exfoliating<br>paste for acne                          |
| R 40 Chlorocyclo<br>hexane (Kw 116)<br>ointment                      | Kw 116 ointment   | 800 0 2ij                              | 5g Apply as directed<br>Remarks Very effective  |

## SOLUTIONS TINCTURES AND PAINTS

| N m   | Pr ripti   | Rem ks  |
|---|--|---|
| R 41 M thylro<br>U S P (C tian v l et)<br>Cry tal V let B P | 1 0% aqu o l t d   | Anti pit (gram posit e gan ma)<br>and fung: id (m ilie)   |
| R 42 S d m Th<br>U S P                                      | 10% q o e l t n  | Fung: id (ap lly t s l )  |
| R 43 Ste N t i<br>U S P                                     | 10% q e l t  | Us f l c t g and t ung t olu<br>t f f r s nd l r g  |
| R 44 Cay b<br>U S P   | 4% in hio cform  | For monal ap ny bus   |
| R 45 N t m<br>(M t ph e)                                    | 0 5% (1 00 t clu )   | B te toatit c and g rm d l aged   |
| R 46 Al b l<br>W h t f d n<br>t t n                         | R S l y l d<br>B ol acid<br>Al h 1 40% q d<br>F list gth   | Apply to ally t kan<br>Eff ctive fung: idal combin t d<br>May be tistit b y urn f alcohol<br>Us f l c t g rn s f r abr d d<br>fi u ed or ul ted a ea  |
| R 47 B n<br>Compound Tinctu<br>f U S P, B P                 | U S P 65% p B P 8% soap<br>( lso k wn eat t f g eo p)  | Us f l d te g t   |
| R 48 Soft S p Lunum nt<br>U S P<br>L n m t f S p B P        | T than lamin<br>Ol ca l d<br>Mi al ell q s d   | Add up to f part f wat to m k<br>shampoo  |
| R 49 T h l mine<br>m lalo                                   | R B c f u h s turet d<br>l holi outti n<br>Phe t 5% aqu s l<br>Flu the add<br>B ic cid<br>2 hou s lat Aceton<br>After 2 h rs Re o clol | Co v n e t m t p p o e ar e llo and<br>fung: idal pau t Pr f rably begin with<br>1/3 dilution then p gress to 1/2 dil tion<br>and fln lly t full t engh if ne ssary<br>CAUTION k p in dark stopp red<br>b tti |
| R 50 C tellan s p t   | 10 0 31 ss<br>100 0 3xx<br>1 0 g xv<br>5 0 11/4<br>10 0 3uss   |   |







## Chapter 6

# DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

## UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS

### THE COMMON COLD (code No 300 100)

The common cold is a benign inflammation of the mucous membrane of the upper respiratory tract. Part of the upper respiratory tract may be affected and the manifestations will vary with the site in the tract. The etiology of the infection and the pattern of complications. The etiology has not been determined but a virus is frequently suggested as the possible cause.

The disease is often caused by a virus. Clinical manifestations differ according to the early stages of many of the communicable diseases which are usually transmitted. On the first day in the path of the common cold, no specific organ is usually found and the disease is a respiratory localised.

A. L. 1. M. nif. t. t. On the early first inflammation of the mucous membrane of the involved area.

1. Acute Rhinitis (code No 310 100) Nasal congestion and discharge.

A. t. Pharyngitis (code No 631 100) Sores in the throat with pain on swallowing.

3. Acute Laryngitis (code No 330 100) Hoarseness and pain on swallowing and at times dry cough.

B. C. 1. M. d. f. t. t. Malaise generalised aches and pains with fever and usually a mild fever.

T. t. m. t.

No specific treatment known.

A. Ge. 1. M.

1. Retention of nasal secretions is a preventable complication. If the infection lasts 24-48 hours it is of utmost importance in therapy. Patients usually feel much better and the danger of complications is greatly diminished by the patient.

2. Fluid retention should be encouraged to drink fluids sufficient to prevent dehydration and to maintain a normal urinary output. There is no evidence that the cough is due to mucus being formed in any way by forcing fluid to the mucous membranes by inducing nasal discharge.

3. Detachable well-being does not necessarily depend on physical exertion and fighting germs does not influence the outcome of the disease.





Throat swab. Swabbing the throat with a tissue agent is valuable in combating infection on all right sides of the face and may be harmful. Str. gas. tis. pti. a may be protein-producing. Producing a rot. tissue which can act as a tumor. um. f. r. p. thog. lo. g. nisms. Weak. r. s. l. l. o. n. are washed away in a matter of minutes.

- 3 Galligandthoatirigat. These are of little use in afflicting the but the effect of warm nonirritating gargle to ligation may give marked benefit in cases of acute pharyngitis. Solution: one menthol 100 cc isotonic salt solution (1 tsp salt per quart of water) 5-20% gluconic acid (14 tsp gluconic acid) syrup per cup 240 cc of water.

C Cough Medication The cough associated with a bronchitis is usually caused by dryness and inflammation of the posterior pharynx and posterior hoarseness. A subglottic pressure is a physiological protective mechanism against downward drainage of fluid into the lungs. Usually, it is not the problem and should not be established completely. It may be appropriate if it is too exhausting, painful, prevents sleep, is not productive, or if the use of a coughing aid is not indicated. Immunity postpartum is usually visited upon by an antibody of maternal resistance. Voluntary suppression of the cough will usually prevent much of the coughing.

- 2 S g lo ng s ( ough dropt) v u lly oothi g to th  
thr t

- 3 Inhalation of warm moist air (1 m) is usually very soothing. Compound B is not in the USP list, may be added to a hot pot of water, but it is the molar rather than the molar ratio that gives relief.

- 4 Dug to a depth

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 (1/8 1/4 gr ) o aily ry 2 4 ho sp n

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 m c u s S m o f t h e s v u p y o g h m i t u s h a v e t e m  
 p o a y e o t h i n e t i o n t h o p h a y n x p t b l t d  
 m p o l e r e d l t a b t a l d w t h w e t d  
 l o s e g ( c o u g h d o p ) T h g h m i t m e l d  
 T r p l n H d a t e E l i x N F y r u s f r o m o n u m h i o  
 r i d S y p o f T b l U S P S y r p o f W l d C h r r y U S P  
 e t c T h a t i o n f o d e i n e n o t e h a n d i n y w y w h e n  
 i t a d d e d t o t h m i x t u a n d i t a n w l l b g n  
 i n t h l i f m

- D Loc 18 : Mark drelclath no + and thro t an fl n b  
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 w t botti o i f r d l m p v rth a al gion)

### Timeline of Completion

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the use of the computer in the field of the study of the human mind. The report is divided into two parts. The first part is a review of the literature on the use of the computer in the field of the study of the human mind. The second part is a description of the use of the computer in the field of the study of the human mind.

and accessory structures. These usually require antibiotics or sulfonamides and may require the attention of an otolaryngologist.

### Prophylaxis

The principal prophylaxis is similar to that of any contagious disease: avoidance of exposure whenever possible; avoidance of sudden changes of temperature and excessive fatigue. Administration of large doses of any of the vitamins, cold vaccines orally or by injection, gamma globulin or "hardening up" have all proved valueless in preventing or in altering the course of the disease.

## ACUTE SINUSITIS (code No. 32-130)

The acute infection of the paranasal sinuses following upper respiratory infections is usually caused by secondary bacterial invaders. The infecting organisms most frequently are streptococci, staphylococci or pneumococci.

### Treatment

#### A. Specific Measures

1. Penicillin is the drug of choice since most of the organisms are penicillin sensitive. It is administered as follows:  
300,000 units penicillin procaine I.M. once or twice daily.  
Other wide spectrum antibiotics may also be employed.
2. Local administration of penicillin and other antibiotics by nose drops and use of negative pressure is still difficult to evaluate.

#### B. General Measures

1. Bed rest.
2. Local external heat over the sinuses.
3. Analgesics. Aspirin or codeine may be used.
4. Vasoconstrictor drugs. Non-irritating nose drops may be used to facilitate drainage or drugs may be given in tablet form by mouth for similar effect (see page 110).

#### C. Do not use: irrigation in sinuses during acute sinusitis

## EPISTAXIS (code No. 301)

Epistaxis or nosebleed may be due to a variety of diseases or disorders.

- Predisposing Factors. Blood dyscrasias, hypertension, arteriosclerosis, prothrombin deficiency (e.g., cirrhosis of the liver), nasal ulceration, nasal angioma, and certain of the infectious diseases (e.g., measles and rheumatic fever).
- Precipitating Factors. External trauma to the nose, violent blowing of the nose, sneezing, picking of nose, increase of existing high blood pressure or lowering of atmospheric pressure.
- Location. The bleeding site is most frequently on the anterior portion of the nasal septum, less often at the end of the inferior and middle turbinates, and rarely further posteriorly.

Treatment

- A L.M. re. H. patient sit re t w th h ad forward. If  
 rclinug th re s dange of aspir tion of blo d
- 1 Pressu ov r th bl ding. It is usu lly all that is n s  
 a y. A sm ll pl dget of cotton mo stened w th hydrog n  
 p oxid w ll usu lly top the bleeding.
  - 2 C te ation. W h n active bl eding h s c sei to chi g  
 the bl eding point with be d of chromum tri xid (chromic  
 d). t hlo cet a id w ll u lly pre nt furth r  
 ble ding. El ctro a t y i ls t i f c t y.
  - 3 S re ble di g in th ant op rt f the no can u ally  
 b ont o l d w th a tampon int odu d th ough th tr il.  
 If bl eding i po t ri it may b se ssa y to intr du a  
 post or nasal pack. This i done by the use of two st ing  
 att hing on string ne h nd of a o lled 2 x 2 c 4 x 4  
 g use pad. A th rd st ing i tied at th m dle of the r ll d  
 p d. A soft ather r i then introduced into the n soph ynx  
 through o no r l and pull d out through the r uth. Th  
 e d of one f the f st two st ings i tied to th o l po tion  
 of th catheter and pulled b ck through the st l. Th  
 string a th rem v d from the cath ter and the procedure  
 r p ated p lling th ond string through th oth no tr il.  
 The p k s gu d d th ough th mo th into the n soph ynx  
 and pull d int pl by t i o both st ing. Th a  
 th tied v a p d under the nasal s ptum. Th th rd  
 str g i t p d to th face a d us d late tq r m v the pack.  
 Do t le p k m m r than 48 hour.
  - 4 I p k on th no ort the b k f ne k are f no b efit.
- B Sp. fl. M. r. Tre t the und ly g di as.

### ACUTE TONSILLITIS (code No. 634.100)

Acute tonsillitis is an infection of the f al tonsils caused by  
 any of a number of organisms. It is h r a t i d by both local and  
 g n r a l i z d sympt m f varying d gr.

Treatment

Dep ds on the c usual gani m. (Fo st pt o so  
 th o t a pag 453)

### ALLERGIC RHINITIS (Hay Fever) (code No. 310.392)

Hay fever is an allergic disorder which usually ur nsp ng  
 o r m m e and s charact i ed by rhinitis sne i g n s l b  
 str tion dn s s f y s and it hung of ear no thro t or  
 ey. Pollens a th m t common all g ns.

Treatment

A Sp. f. c. M. u. The s o true sp i f c t m t Hypo  
 n t i o d t tion i freque tly b nef cial and  
 on ist of admini t ion of g d ally inc sing doses of th  
 ll g n (su lly poll n) so as to indu an immunity in th  
 s ptibl ind vidual. Fo b t sult the psyh ld be  
 started 3 6 month b f s th ons t of the hay fever ason o



with a b b turate e y 4 to 6 hou s may g v el f  
(s page 110)

d S d t om may be of v l e f p t nt i ne vou o up t  
(se pag 35)

## 2 Alle g n f e aim sph re

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f r s s

b Ai cond t oning equipment to filte the ai rt ing th  
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th p l l ing pe iod

d Du t p f b d oom i useful wh d t i th off nding  
g nt

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oth r i t p odu ing mat l

(3) R m all f y fun t o obj ts whi h a not  
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## DISEASES OF THE BRONCHI

### ACUTE TRACHEOBRONCHITIS

(Tracheitis code No 340 100) (Bronchitis code No 350 100)

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pan d by a low g ad f v A p odu t e or non p o d t ugh  
p e t Ph y l exa m n t n m y b t ely n g t i v o  
s t t e d a s h o n h a m y b h a d th h s t

### T t m t

A Sp f M s

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un t a l M c twi d ly may b f l u

B G l M s s

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f th d

2 Co t l f ough

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Eph dr ough m x t u r e w l l b h l p f u l f b o h p m  
i p r s t (m a n f t d b y w h e i g)

2 Eph d m l f a t

hyd ochlor d 15 S l 30 0 l

Cod pho phat 0 5 g v

Sy py v h l q ad 120 0 l

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- 3 Sleeplessness Pentobarbital Sodium U S P Pentobarbitone Sodium B P 0 1 Gm (1½ gr) at bedtime should be given

### CHRONIC TRACHEOBRONCHITIS (Chronic Bronchitis code No 350 100 0)

A chronic nonspecific inflammation of the tracheobronchial tree manifested by cough which is usually the only constant symptom. The cough may be productive or non productive. *Do not diagnose chronic bronchitis on the basis of chronic cough alone.* Any patient with a chronic cough should be given a thorough examination including a chest x-ray. As a rule a diagnosis of chronic bronchitis can be made only by exclusion. Primary chronic bronchitis is a rare disease almost all cases of chronic bronchitis are secondary to other respiratory conditions or inflammations. Intractable cases may have an allergic basis. Physical findings may be absent or a few rhonchi and wheezes may be heard.

#### Treatment

A Specific Measures There is no specific treatment for chronic bronchitis treat the underlying condition

#### B General Measures

- 1 Remove or eliminate exciting causes such as smoking excessive cold air damp atmosphere industrial fumes etc
- 2 Drugs
  - a Ephedrine and similar drugs may give relief in many cases when bronchospasm is present
  - b Saturated solution of potassium iodide 5-10 drops t.i.d. as tolerated may be helpful
- 3 Adequate rest in a dust free room
- 4 Optimum nutrition and hygiene

### BRONCHIAL ASTHMA (code No 350 390)

Bronchial asthma is a symptom complex due to a variety of causes. It is characterized by dyspnea, especially of the expiratory phase with wheezing and whistling which are due to edema of the bronchial lining and/or contraction of the smooth muscles leading to constriction of the bronchi.

#### Diagnosis

A History of repeated attacks of expiratory dyspnea frequently in an emotionally labile patient with a definite allergic tendency. The attacks are precipitated by exposure to the allergen or at times by severe emotional stress.

#### B Physical Examination

- 1 During typical attack Examination is characteristic
  - a Severe expiratory dyspnea and at times cyanosis
  - b Chest held in partial inspiratory position
  - c Inspiration short and expiration greatly prolonged
  - d Cough difficult and may become violent
  - e Sputum thick and tenacious
  - f Chest hyperresonant to percussion

g Ch at i ll of musical scales which frequently may be heard at a distance

2 Between attacks May be entirely negative or may show a very full emphysematous chest with reduced vital capacity

C Diff ti l D g o s i Many diseases may simulate bronchial asthma. Of these the most important are cardiac asthma and generalized emphysema specially where chronic bronchitis is superimposed. The appearance of bronchial asthma in mild disease should make one suspect bronchial asthma

### T m t

A Th t atm nt may be divided into two phases

1 T atm t of the attack

2 Int m th apy wh h is imed at preventing further attacks

B Drugs used for the specific treatment of asthma. In the last few years a great many new drugs have come to be looked upon as specific for relief while other preparations of value in assisting it. It is a pity that few of these are available in their modified form of administration and the indications for their use. The chapter page 118 summarizes the important drugs.

Epinephrine (adrenaline) is the drug of choice for the emergency management of acute bronchial asthma. However it has been shown that the effect of ACTH or cortisone can be sustained to prevent an attack when the measure fails. The onset of action of ACTH and cortisone is much slower than that of epinephrine but they should be employed concurrently with epinephrine in severe attacks of asthma. Epinephrine must be used cautiously in patients with cardiac asthma, hypertension or angina.

### T m nt f the A t Att k Do not use morphine

A Mild Moderate Attack Epinephrine (adrenaline) is the drug of choice

1 Epinephrine injection (injection of adrenaline) 0.2-0.5 cc (3-8 min) of 1:1000 subcut

2 Epinephrine inhalation (1:100 in aqueous solution) by nebulizer very 30-60 minutes per hour

3 Moderate Attack Repeat epinephrine (adrenaline) subcut every 1-2 hours

4 Epinephrine in oil 0.2-1.0 (3-15 min) 1:1000 I.M. may also be given at onset if a prolonged effect is desired. May repeat in 10-14 hours

5 Aminophylline (theophylline ethylenediamine) 0.24-0.48 Gm (3-3/4 to 1 1/2 g) in 10-20 cc (2-5 dr) s.l. slowly I.V. if it is not contraindicated. 0.48 Gm (7 1/2 g) may be added to 500-1000 cc of saline and given by I.V. drip. May also give the same by instillation or orally in the same dose

6 Ephedrine sulfate or hydrochloride 25-50 mg (3/8-3/4 g) with water tabaco at my elbow mild attacks (see page 120)

7 Relax patient the attack can be controlled

8 Sodium Phenobarbital (Phenobarbital) 0.1 Gm (1 1/2 gr) 1000 mg daily may repeat 0.03 Gm (1/2 g) q.i.d.



# DRUGS USED IN THE TREATMENT OF BRONCHIAL ASTHMA

| Preparation   | Dose   | Mode of Administration and Indication   |
|---|--|---|
| Epinephrine Injection U S P<br>Injection of Adrenaline B P (1:1000 dilution of the hydrochloride in aqueous solution)   | 0.2 to 0.5 cc (3 to 15 $\mu$ ) may repeat up to q 30 minutes if necessary<br>1 cc (15 $\mu$ ) in liter of 5% glucose solution<br>Give at 60 to 80 drops per minute | Subcut. This is the most commonly used preparation<br>I V Caution<br>Reserved for very severe acute attacks when more conservative measures fail  |
| Epinephrine in Oil Injection U S P (1:500 dilution)   | 0.2 to 0.5 cc (3 to 15 $\mu$ )<br>May repeat in 10 to 14 hours<br>Duration of action is 3 to 24 hours  | Subcut. or I M<br>usually given with aqueous epinephrine to patients with severe or recurrent asthma  |
| Epinephrine Inhalation U S P (1:100 dilution in aqueous solution)<br>Isopropylarterenol (Isuprel <sup>®</sup> ) (1:100 dilution in aqueous solution)<br>For inhalation or I V | 0.5 cc in nebulizer<br>Individualize dose<br>4 to 8 inhalations usually suffice<br>(Isopropylarterenol causes less vasoconstrictor action)                         | Glass nebulizer operated by hand bulb or pressure from an oxygen tank or nebulizer with intermittent positive pressure breathing (IPPB) (see page 149)<br>Most useful in aborting attacks |
| Isopropylarterenol tablets (3 to 10 to 15 mg)   | sublingual individualize dose  | May be useful in aborting attacks   |
| Corticotropin (ACTH)  | 10 to 40 mg I V in 24 hours or 25 mg of regular or gel I M every 8 hours initially   | Decrease to tolerance in prolonged use<br>Used for severe attacks and status asthmaticus  |
| Cortisone   | 25 to 75 mg q 6 hours  | Orally  |
| Aminophylline Injection U S P B P (Theophylline Ethylenediamine)  | 0.5 to 0.48 Gm (3 to 3/4 to 7 1/2 gr) in 10 or 20 cc saline May repeat in 3 to 4 hours<br>Duration of action 1 to 3 hours  | I V slowly May be used with or without epinephrine<br>Valuable in severe attacks when patient is pinophylline fast  |
| Aminophyllin U S P rectal suppository   | 1 suppository every 4 hours  | Used only when prolonged effect is desired  |
| Ephedrine Hydrochloride U S P B P or Ephedrine Sulfate U S P (capsule or pill)  | 25 to 50 mg (3/8 to 3/4 gr) very 3 to 6 hours<br>May combine with phenobarbital 15 to 30 mg (1/4 to 1/2 gr) or pentobarbital sodium 30 mg (1/2 gr)                 | Orally Of little or no use in acute attack<br>May be of some value in aborting an attack or decreasing the number of attacks  |
| Antihistaminic drugs (see page 66) (pill or capsule)  | 50 to 100 mg b i d to q i d  | Orally Of little use in acute attacks May be of value in aborting attack or decreasing number of attacks  |

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(3 3/4 7 1/2 gr) in 10 20 cc (2 1/2 5 dr) saline slowly I V and by rectal suppository for immediate relief of symptoms 0.48 Gm (7 1/2 gr) may be added to 500 1000 cc of saline and given by I V drip

- 5 Sedation must be adequate until relief is obtained Use one of the following
  - a Pentobarbital sodium (pentobarbitone sodium) 0.1 0.2 Gm (1 1/2 3 gr)
  - b Paraldehyde 8 15 cc (2 4 dr) in 30 cc (1 oz) oil by rectum
- 6 Surface tension lowering agents (Alevaire®) by aerosol may be helpful in some cases (see page 154)
- 7 If corticotropin (ACTH) or cortisone are not available
  - a As soon as epinephrine responsiveness returns use epinephrine as above Epinephrine may be administered cautiously 1 cc 1:1000 solution (in 1 liter of 5% glucose by intravenous drip (60 80 drops per minute)
  - ✓ b General anesthetic agents may be life saving
    - (1) Rectal instillation of 30 90 cc (1 3 oz) of ether in equal quantities of olive oil repeat in 12 to 24 hours if necessary Usually patient awakens free of attack
    - (2) If a trained anesthetist is available inhalation ether anesthesia may be employed
- 8 Bronchoscopy under general anesthesia is sometimes indicated to remove tenacious secretions

#### D General Measures

- 1 Eliminate any known allergens from patient's environment
- 2 Maintain adequate rest and relieve apprehension by reassurance and sedation
- 3 Respiratory infections must be treated vigorously with antibiotics as indicated I M or by aerosol
- 4 Fluids orally or parenterally for any dehydration

#### Interim Therapy

A Special Therapy Attempt to determine which allergens play a role and treat accordingly

#### B General Measures

- 1 Emotional disturbances should be corrected whenever possible
- 2 Good living hygiene should be promoted
- 3 Patients with apparently intrinsic asthma (usually due to infections of bronchi) may be helped by a tibiotic therapy (see pages 115 and 121)
- 4 Ephedrine hydrochloride or sulfate 25 50 mg (3/8 3/4 gr) with or without phenobarbital (phenobarbitone) 15 30 mg (1/4 1/2 gr) every 3 6 hours may prevent or reduce recurrences
- 5 Aminophylline ephedrine phenobarbital capsules
 

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| Ephedrine hydrochloride or sulfate | 0.05  | gr | 3/8 |
| Phenobarbital                      | 0.015 | gr | 1/4 |

Sig 1 capsule every 4 hours

- 6 The new antihistaminic agents may give relief in some patients but their use in bronchial asthma has generally been quite disappointing (see page 66)

Patients who are not helped by other measures may be treated chronically with small doses of corticosteroids (ACTH) or cortisone. The dosage employed is just sufficient to keep them comfortable and relatively free of symptoms.

# BRONCHIECTASIS (code No 350 100 6)

Bronchiectasis is a chronic progressive disease of the bronchi and bronchioles characterized by dilatation of the bronchi or bronchioles in presence of varying amount of inflammatory infection and finally destruction of the involved parts and of the surrounding tissue. The etiology in many cases is unknown but congenital factors and chronic or recurrent pulmonary infections undoubtedly play a role.

## Diagnosis

### A History

- 1 Chronic cough usually productive of mucopurulent sputum and marked upnaing in the morning
- 2 Recurrent attack of pulmonary infections with aggravated cough fever sweats and chill Hemoptysis is common

### B Physical Examination

Chest findings: X-ray signs of pneumonia, consolidation during course of pneumonia, hilar enlargement, lung bases adducted, wheezes, crackles, rales at mon findings.

### C Laboratory Findings

- 1 X-ray Routine chest x-ray usually insufficient to make diagnosis. If chest x-ray is negative and bronchiectasis is suspected further studies are necessary.
  - a Bronchoscopic examination
  - b Bronchograms (x-rays of chest following instillation of iodized oil into bronchi either through bronchoscope directly into the trachea) are most important for diagnosis. The sputum must be made by an experienced radiologist.
- 2 Sputum The sputum is usually found to part into 3 layers: Bacterial growth always eventual mixed infections usually with streptococcus and staphylococci produced.

## Treatment

### A Specific Measures

- 1 Treatment with antibiotics: It has been found that during the acute exacerbation both had no therapeutic effect. The amount of sputum and weight reduced and the patient feels better but has been fit to work and the patient is no longer at bed. Treatment should be repeated once a day for 10 days. The treatment should be repeated once a day for 10 days. When possible predominant organisms should be identified and their sensitivity to the various antibiotics determined.
- 1 Penicillin: 500,000 to 1,000,000 units of penicillin per day in 4 to 6 divided doses.
- 2 Penicillin: Use of penicillin except during attacks.

pneumonitis appears to be of less value than direct inhalations

- 3 Streptomycin aerosol (see page 154) may also be of benefit in some patients especially those in whom penicillin resistance occurs. Each cc should contain 50-250 mg of streptomycin depending on concentrations desired. Administer in the same manner as for penicillin (see above).
- 4 Combined penicillin streptomycin aerosols may be of benefit in many cases. Use the same concentrations for the drugs as used individually.
- 5 Oxytetracycline (Terramycin®) is also available for aerosol administration (50 mg/cc in propylene glycol) and may be used as above. (See page 154).
- 6 Erythromycin by aerosol may be of value in obtaining better drainage of thick inspissated material (see page 154).

#### B. C. a) Medical

- 1 Postural drainage. ~~Postural drainage~~ has proved to be the most effective single measure for the symptomatic relief of patients with bronchiectasis. The patient should assume the position that gives him the maximum drainage and this varies with the location of the lesion. Experience will help the patient determine the best position to use. Since most lesions are at the lung bases the most common method is to have patient kneel on a chair, place hands on the floor and keep his hips elevated maintaining this position for 10-15 minutes. Two to four times a day is usually sufficient, the first drainage being just upon awakening and the last just before bedtime.
- 2 Avoidance of upper respiratory infections is very important in controlling the bronchial infection.
- 3 Correction of associated disease. Many patients with bronchiectasis suffer from chronic upper respiratory infections with postnasal drip. This must be corrected whenever possible.
- 4 Climate. Although climate does not cure a warm dry climate often is of benefit especially since it tends to reduce the incidence of upper respiratory infections. Avoid a dusty smoky filled atmosphere.
- 5 Rest. Patients with severe disease should always have adequate rest in bed for symptoms are often ameliorated by this measure. The foot of the bed should be raised 6 to 12 inches.
- 6 Good nutrition and health are very important. Adequate food and rest will aid in slowing the progress of the disease. Smoking should be prohibited.
- 7 Bronchoscopic drainage is of value initially in all cases to eliminate bronchial stenosis or obstruction as contributing factors. It may be necessary to dilate the stenosed bronchus but repeated bronchoscopy is not advised.

#### C. Surgical Treatment. Properly accepted indications include

- 1 Younger patient in good condition who are having chronic or recurring symptoms of any degree. Modern surgery will permit resection of fairly extensive bilateral disease.
- 2 Patients up to 60 years of age who are having severe symptoms

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### PNEUMOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA (code No 360 101)

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## Therapy Based Upon Evaluation of Factors Influencing Prognosis

| Factor                             | Mild or Moderate   | Severe  | Very Severe                 |
|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Age                                | Under 40   | Over 40   |                             |
| Organism count in sputum/oil field | Under 30   | 30-75   | Over 75                     |
| Lobes involved                     | Single   | 2 or 3  | 4 or 5                      |
| Pulse rate                         | Under 120  | Over 120  | Over 140                    |
| Blood pressure                     |  |   |                             |
| Systolic                           | Over 90  | Under 90  | Shock or pulmonary edema    |
| Diastolic                          | Over 60  | Under 60  |                             |
| Leukocyte count                    | Over 10,000  | 10,000-15,000   | Under 6,000                 |
| Albuminuria                        | 0 to ++  | to ++   |                             |
| Associated diseases                | 0 to mild  | Moderate  | Severe                      |
| Complications                      | None or sterile effusion   | Empyema lung abscess etc  | Meningitis endocarditis     |
| Blood culture                      | Negative   | Positive  |                             |
| Pneumococcal type                  | Higher types   | I II III IV VII   |                             |
| Mortality rates                    |  |   |                             |
| Range                              | 0-10%  | 25-10%  | 10-50%                      |
| Average                            | 0-4%   | 4%  | 20%                         |
| Therapy indicated                  | Usual doses of penicillin broad spectrum antibiotics or sulfonamides | High doses of penicillin broad spectrum antibiotics or sulfonamides | Massive doses of penicillin |

(Modified from Morris F. Collen, Ferman, the Foundation Medical Bulletin VI 31, January 1948)

may be administered in several ways. The soft rubber facial mask of the BLB-OEM or Bennett type is probably best. With these masks oxygen concentrations up to 95% may be easily furnished. Oxygen tents are generally used for patients in toxic delirium who would otherwise remove the mask. However the tent is generally not advised because the average concentration of oxygen is only about 40-50% and unless watched carefully carbon dioxide may accumulate.

**B. Fluid.** Fluid intake must be adequate whether given orally or parenterally to maintain a urine output of at least 1500 cc. Patients taking sulfonamides should have sufficient alkalinizing powders so that the urine is below pH 7 at all times. Potassium bicarbonate should be used in patients with actual or potential heart failure, care being exercised to avoid potassium toxicity.

**C. Diet.** During the severe acute phase patients usually have little desire for food. During this short acute phase food intake is of little importance. Patients who develop complications and have long convalescences should be placed on high protein high vitamin high calorie diets.

## Symptomatic and Supportive Measures

**A. Toxic Delirium.** The mental and activity of the toxic delirium which may occur in severe pneumonia must be controlled.

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- 2 Neostigmine Methylsulfate U S P (1:2000 Sol) 1 cc (15 w) subcut and insertion of a rectal tube will generally produce rapid initial decompression
- 3 Stomach tube for dilatation of the stomach Suction through a nasal tube passed into the stomach is necessary

#### F Cardiac Abnormalities

- 1 Congestive failure In elderly patients or patients with pre existing heart disease congestive failure may be precipitated by the pneumonia When this occurs digitalization by one of the rapid methods is indicated (see page 197) This must be distinguished from shock and pulmonary edema (see page 127)
- 2 Cardiac arrhythmias The occurrence of extrasystoles is common and generally requires no treatment If auricular fibrillation or flutter develops rapid failure may be precipitated Digitalization by one of the rapid methods is generally indicated in these cases (see page 197)

#### Complications

For treatment of these complications see the respective diseases (Modified after Collen )

| Complication             | % Incidence |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Sterile pleural effusion | 4.5         |
| Empyema                  | 0.3         |
| Lung abscess             | 0.3         |
| Pericarditis             | 0.3         |
| Endocarditis             | 0.1         |
| Meningitis               | 0.1         |

All pleural effusions associated with pneumonia must be aspirated promptly to detect early empyemas which may be treated medically (see page 142)

### STREPTOCOCCIC PNEUMONIA

(Lobar code No 360 10?) (Bronchopneumonia code No 361 102)

An uncommon type of pneumonia usually secondary to a preceding pulmonary infection (i.e. virus pneumonia influenza or measles) Onset is most often gradual but is at times sudden with severe intoxication marked dyspnea and cough with bloody or mucopurulent sputum Pleural effusion occurs early is fairly common and may progress to empyema Most cases are due to  $\beta$  hemolytic streptococci

Physical findings vary with severity there may be only scattered dullness and moist rales In severe cases pleural effusion obscures pulmonary signs Throat is usually reddened and has some exudate

#### Treatment

Penicillin is the drug of choice Dosage is similar to that for pneumococcal pneumonia

# STAPHYLOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA (code No 361 105)

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An uncommon type of pneumonia usually secondary to a preceding infection. Onset is most often gradual and progressively with patient becoming gravely ill. Cough and dyspnea are common. Most patients have abscesses occur frequently. Patchy consolidation with diffuse areas commonly found. Sputum is variable in appearance.

## Treatment

Sensitivity tests should be performed. Many other antibiotics should be initiated with penicillin. Pending result of the tests.

# FRIEDLANDER'S PNEUMONIA (code No 361 131)

Pneumonia due to *Klebsiella pneumoniae* is often associated with chronic debilitating diseases. The onset is usually sudden with chills, fever, dyspnea, cyanosis, cough, and marked toxicity. In most cases progress is rapidly to a fatal termination. There is a tendency to necrosis and abscess formation in the subcutaneous chronic form. Early recognition is imperative for favorable outcome.

Physical findings are variable and extensive in old patients. Give only dullness and diminished breath sound. Sputum is reddish muoid and tenacious giving a currant jelly appearance. White blood cell count is variable. May have leukopenia or leukocytosis.

## Treatment

Specific Measures Treat all Friedlander's pneumonia as severe infection.  
1. Streptomycin, 1 Gm every 6 hours until favorable response occur, then 0.5 Gm every 6 hours until afebrile 3 days.  
and 2. Oxycetyline (1 M o l V) chlorit yline or yline or chloramphenicol 0.5 Gm every 6 hours or Gantrisin® 1 Gm every 6 hours. Continue for 2-3 weeks.  
Bacterial See Pneumococci Pneumonia p. 123.

# HEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE PNEUMONIA (code No 361 110)

A rare form of pneumonia which usually is rapid in onset and progresses. The outstanding feature is severe inflammation of the bronchi and bronchioles leading to bronchitis and hemorrhagic drainage of lungs. Patients are usually elderly.  
Thrombocytopenia is a pathologic condition. The sputum is bloody. Leukopenia is frequently present.

## Treatment

Specific Measures Continue treatment for 7-10 days.  
1. Combine streptomycin and penicillin. If the penicillin is not effective, Streptomycin 0.5-1 Gm every 6 hours.

has been complete clearing of the lung by x ray. Serial x rays are required in this follow up which may take many weeks.

### NEOPLASMS OF THE LUNGS BRONCHOGENIC CARCINOMA (code No 350 8 ) (Epidermoid: code No 350 814)

Neoplasms of the lungs form a very important group of the malignancies. The metastatic tumors are most common but the primary neoplasms are of great interest in diagnosis and therapy. The primary ones usually arise from the bronchi and spread into the lung fields. They are rarely diagnosed early because of the insidious onset and tendency to mimic other pulmonary disease. Chronic cough is the common presenting symptom. As the process spreads the cough becomes productive and hemoptysis, consolidation, atelectasis, lung abscess and pleural effusion may occur. It must always be considered in the diagnosis of any acute or chronic pulmonary disease, especially in males over 50 years of age. Bronchoscopy and examination of sputum for cancer cells are important diagnostic tools.

#### Treatment

- A Surgery is the treatment of choice when the lesion is discovered early.
- B Supportive and symptomatic measures for those cases in which surgery cannot be performed.

### PULMONARY ATELECTASIS (Compression code No 362-435) (Postoperative code No 362-415 4)

*Atelectasis is due to obstruction of a bronchus with absorption of the air and collapse of the lung distal to the obstruction.* Most cases follow major surgery and tend to occur in the right lower lobe. The condition usually is manifested 4 days after surgery and the findings are those of poor ventilation and collapse of the involved area. If immediate treatment is not carried out, secondary bacterial infection occurs and a pneumonitis develops.

#### Treatment

##### A Postoperative Atelectasis

1. Force patient to hyperventilate either orally or by use of a mixture of 95% O<sub>2</sub> and 5% CO<sub>2</sub> administered by mask for several minutes every 1-3 hours. This is also a good preventive measure.
2. Bronchodilatation by aerosol with intermittent positive pressure (e.g. Bennett) has been demonstrated to resolve many cases of postoperative atelectasis. The apparatus should be used every 30 minutes out of every hour while patient is awake for 24 hours before deciding whether further treatment is of value.
3. If rapid resolution does not occur, the mucoasplugs should be aspirated through a bronchoscope.

4 Institute antibiotic therapy P ocaine penicillin complex  
 300 000 unit b i d  
 B Spot neo s At le t size B onchoscopy to determine the nature  
 of the lesion and then institute appropriate treatment

**PULMONARY EMPHYSEMA**  
 (Due to Unknown Cause code No 362 9x6)  
 (Postural code No 362-434)

Pulmonary emphysema is a disease usually found in older individuals and the suffering from chronic bronchial asthma. The progress is a continuation of the pulmonary illness without quiescent periods of the late illness. The chief complaint is shortness of breath. The diagnosis is generally not difficult. The chest is generally enlarged. The lung field are hyperinflated and breath sounds are decreased. Pulmonary emphysema must be differentiated from dyspnea due to congestive failure.

T t m t  
 A Sp f M a u e s. Since many patients have associated chronic bronchitis with the elements of psammth apyri gen ally similar that lined for hr nic bronchitis or h on b hial asthma (e page 117)  
 1 Spasmolytic agent to relieve chest pain Epinephrine by halting phedrin (e pag 118)  
 2 E ad c te any inf to P icillin o str pt mycin a on l (a p g 134)  
 B G I M u e

Inhalation of 100% oxygen i d f r 20 30 minutes helps relieve dyspnea. A patient should wear an abdominal R ently with u e f int mittent pulse p s u e in som with b on hial dilat re ha be a hown t b of onsid able ale oxygen must be used with care in cases with J n t ndng anoxia since use of 100 % oxygen (e p g 145)  
 A s a d e n a d even death in ne patients

2 Maint n mechnic leff i n y f di ph gmo at its optimum  
 Abdominal belt Obese patient should wear an abdominal belt during the day (e p g 145) The palm of the hand should be used to feel the ribs and push down and upward during expiration. This is repeated 10 15 times 2 3 times daily. The patient should be instructed in the use of the abdominal belt. The patient should be instructed in the use of the abdominal belt. The patient should be instructed in the use of the abdominal belt.

- 2 Inje t 50 000 100 000 units of penicillin in 10 cc saline into the pleural space through the same needle This is for either prophylaxis or actual therapy

**B Pleural Fluid Examination**

- 1 Gross examination Take specific gravity to determine if exudate or transudate  
Smear and stain for detection of organisms and nature of cellular content Collect a specimen in an anticoagulant for cell count
- 3 Culture on appropriate media and inoculate guinea pig with all fluids from unexplained pleural effusions to rule out presence of tubercle bacilli or fungi
- 4 Pathological examination of centrifuged button In suspected cases of malignancy

**Treatment of Post-pneumonic and Other Sterile Effusions**

- A Specific Measures** All prophylactic measures are directed at the primary disease Begin or continue antibiotics at dosage as for treatment of pneumonia (see page 123) until patient has been afebrile for 10-14 days or fluid is almost entirely resorbed

**B Control Measures**

- 1 Thoracentesis Whenever a chest tap is performed instill 50 000 100 000 units of penicillin in sterile saline
  - a Remove readily obtainable fluid by multiple thoracentesis at daily intervals if necessary Removal of more than 1000 cc at a time is not advisable
  - b Re-examine pleural fluid to rule out empyema if the pleurisy does not respond to treatment
- 2 Bed rest until patient is afebrile

**Treatment of Tuberculous Effusion (code No 370 123 8)**

- A Specific Measures** Treatment for uncomplicated primary effusions is essentially the same as that for minimal pulmonary tuberculosis A course of streptomycin and PAS is recommended (see page 135)
- B General Measures** As for pulmonary tuberculosis (see page 131)
- 1 Bed rest most important
  - 2 Thoracentesis Removal of all readily obtainable fluid (see above) is advisable to minimize later thickened pleura
  - 3 Pneumoperitoneum is used by some for the underlying lesion It is initiated after fever has subsided and active fluid formation has stopped
  - 4 When high fever persists longer than two weeks hematogenous dissemination should be suspected
- C Follow-up Treatment** Careful follow-up for a 5 year period is necessary because many patients with primary tuberculous effusions develop pulmonary tuberculosis later usually within 5 years

**EMPYEMA (code No 370 100)**

Empyema is usually secondary to pulmonary infection but may result from direct contamination of the pleural space through trauma

o thoracic aorta. The patient is usually quite ill and the o s  
f brill and a vere

### Treatment

- A Specific Measures System administration in high dosage of  
pp pr i h m therapeutic or antibiotic g nt as determined  
by xam at n f infecting organism. Treatment should be  
o this d for 10 to 14 day after patient isafebrile c fluid has  
become sterile (s page 514)
- B Daily hydrothorax should be performed r mo ing as wu t of  
th p r i n t m a r l s p sible. Fr q nt physic l xamina  
t n of the chest with x r y m sh be done to m o d o r looking  
any loculat d ar sa (p o k t ) of purul nt mat al  
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2 I st li 50 000 200 000 units of p n l l i n n d 5 1 0 C m of  
t ptomy in n D saline i to the c i ty i th corpi tion  
of the ir g t on. Contin u d a ly u til fluid in ca ty has  
b n et r il for 10 14 d ya o u til f l d n no longer b  
obtai ed
- J Vitamins enzymati ag nt ha e recent y b e p eared wh ch  
d g st th prot in materi l esp lly th fibrin t t forme  
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thor c i ty. Th p u n p i o n s a a il bl re trypsin  
(Tryp t<sup>®</sup>) and str pto m s at eptod n s (V ridase<sup>®</sup>)  
Tryp in ts hy d g st n g l l non u ing p ote l materi al  
The st ept k nase t eptodor a t tacks m u ly fibr n
- C S g ldr image must be l at i t d l p t l t d o n o m p r e v  
w th a f w d j s

## HYDROTHORAX (code No 370 522)

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mba r s e m t r m o al of the fluid i necess y

## HEMOTHORAX (code No 370 532)

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cavity is the treatm t of h o c. Rep ated a p i a t i o n s a r p e  
f m e d s s y G at a r e m s i b e t a k n in the e a s p a  
t o n s to o d p o a bl b t e r l n t a m i a t o n of the pleural a ty  
o n t n s. The p t o ly t i n y m h a e a l o b e n u s f u l i th a  
o r d i n a t i o n ( b e )

## PNEUMOTHORAX

A In the pl u al sp o c c r a s a r s l t of air e n t r i g  
th o g h a n o p n i n g th chest wall (i by artifi al pneum  
thorax r r u n s) or s a r s u l t of air n t i n g fr o m t e in the  
lunge



ported incidence of oxygen toxicity have been cases of irritation resulting from improperly humidified oxygen.

## TECHNIC OF ADMINISTRATION

Oxygen (air) may be administered at atmospheric pressure or by various pressure devices.

### OXYGEN AT ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE

Oxygen is most commonly administered at atmospheric pressure.

It is indicated when hypoxia can be controlled adequately by the usual means. For indications see page 146.

Various methods of determining oxygen at atmospheric pressure are available. Below are listed those methods which have been commonly used with adult and the oxygen concentration which has been achieved.

| Method                           | U l O y g n<br>C n t t i o n s | U l R t o f O x y g<br>F l w (L / m i n ) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| T n t                            | 40-50%                         | F l w t 15 "0<br>M i t t 12-15            |
| C h t t                          |                                |   |
| Na p h y n g i<br>(m t i f b b ) | 20-40%                         | 6-8                                       |
| b O p h y n g i                  | 30-40%                         | 6-8                                       |
| M k                              |                                |   |
| BLB o q v l n t                  | 80-100%                        | 8-10                                      |
| b Exp d b l p l s t c<br>m k     | 40-60%                         | 10-1                                      |
| OEM o B n n t t<br>f m k         | 80-100%                        | 6-8                                       |

### Oxygen Therapy

#### A. Advantages

1. Gives moderate to full oxygen at minimum cost.
2. Can be used with stillness and uncooperative patient.

#### B. Disadvantages

1. May be painful by and to patient.
2. Cannot achieve high partial pressure of oxygen.
3. If not properly applied oxygen may not be analyzed fully and be discarded as likely to be wasted.

### Nasal Catheter

The nasal catheter apparatus for oxygen administration consists of a rubber or plastic catheter (Frazier No. 10 or No. 12) with the terminal tip protected by a 5 mm. lithium chloride solution valve mechanism and a humidifier bottle.

#### A. Technique

1. The catheter should be lubricated with petrolatum and placed every 6-12 hours.



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- 2 It may be placed in the nasopharynx or 1 2 inches into nares but concentrations are only up to 20% by this method
- 3 Place in oropharynx for concentrations up to 40% To calculate the approximate distance the tube must be inserted *measure the distance from the external nares to the tip of one ear lobe using the tube to measure with* Then pass the tube through the nose into the oropharynx When the patient begins to swallow withdraw the tube about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and secure it in position

### B Advantages

- 1 Cheapest method of administering oxygen
- 2 Patient is less uncomfortable than with mask

### C Disadvantages

- 1 Very high concentrations of oxygen are not obtainable
- 2 Drying of mucosa may result with ordinary humidification

## Masks

### A Apparatuses

- 1 BLB masks Nasal or oronasal rubber mask with rebreathing bag The disadvantage of this mask is that with low flow of oxygen (under 6 8 liters per minute)  $\text{CO}_2$  tends to accumulate There may also be resistance to inspiration from flat rebreathing bag
- 2 Expendable plastic masks Require high oxygen flow Low oxygen concentration achieved
- 3 OEM and Bennett face masks Similar to BLB mask but do not permit rebreathing into bag utilizes flutter type valve so rebreathing of  $\text{CO}_2$  is not possible

### B Advantages of Masks

- 1 Highest concentrations of oxygen obtainable without the use of pressure (except for plastic mask)
- 2 Both OEM and Bennett masks have injector settings so that oxygen concentration can be varied from 50 to 100%

### C Disadvantages Tight fitting masks cannot be tolerated by some patients

## OXYGEN UNDER PRESSURE

Various pressure breathing devices have been developed which allow oxygen to be administered under slight positive pressure during the inspiratory phase Although originally these devices were employed for resuscitation (usually with a negative pressure phase in expiration) the value of intermittent positive pressure in the treatment of various acute and chronic pulmonary and cardiac conditions was soon recognized

### Physiological Effects

The principal physiological effects of oxygen administered by pressure methods are as follows

- 1 Helps overcome resistance to gas flow and widens the bronchioles permitting more efficient cough and bronchial drainage
- 2 Increases intrapulmonary mixing creating more uniform alveolar aeration

- 3 Decreases residual volume
- 4 Inhibits fluid extravasation into the alveoli (hence of alveoli in pulmonary edema)
- 5 Interferes with venous return to the right heart with consequent decrease in cardiac output and blood supply to the lungs. This latter phenomenon is of value in management of congestive failure especially with associated pulmonary edema in shock. On the other hand it is a disadvantage and often contraindicates the use of positive pressure device in this condition.

### PRINCIPAL METHODS OF POSITIVE PRESSURE BREATHING

| Method   | Pressure During Respiration   | Indications and Uses   | Remarks   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Mouth to mouth or mouth to endotracheal tube   | Positive pressure in inspiration  | It is useful especially with children and newborn infants                        | Most primitive method of positive pressure but may be very effective. Oxygen administration at lower than atmospheric concentration   |
| Bennett positive pressure therapy unit (motor or oxygen powered)                       | Positive pressure in inspiration. May use oxygen, air or oxygen-helium mixture                | Mainly for therapy of chronic pulmonary diseases. Also useful in pulmonary edema | Interferes with venous return to right heart so contraindicated in forward failure. Especially useful in hypoxia due to improper mixing of gases and for pushing oxygen across impaired membranes (see page 150)                                  |
| Oxygen injector mask (Bach) mounted for positive pressure                              | Positive pressure in expiration. Used with oxygen   | Adapted to pulmonary edema   | Letting in. Positive pressure applied at wrong place in respiratory cycle to be of benefit. Also very tiring to breathe against resistance  |
| Commercial resuscitators of the Sudduth and blow type. Stephens, Farnson, E and J etc. | Positive pressure in inspiration and negative pressure in expiration. Generally employ oxygen | Resuscitation  | Most effective means of resuscitation. Least interference with cardiovascular dynamics although the usual pressure relationship in inspiration and expiration is reversed. Negative pressure may cause pulmonary edema in predisposing conditions |
| Hand bellows   | Positive pressure in inspiration  | Resuscitation  | Expensive equipment but useful mainly when more expensive apparatuses are not available   |

Bennett Positive Pressure Therapy Unit

The Bennett unit is one of the most efficient of the available pressure breathing devices. It may be used with an intermittent nebulizer or with Mist O<sub>2</sub> Gen® continuous nebulizer for good humidification (or for administration of various antibiotics, vasodilators and surface tension lowering agents). It is a particularly useful way to administer aerosols for it drives them down into the terminal bronchioles and alveoli. Excellent instructions are supplied with the unit. A special apparatus is also made that cycles automatically. Clinical indications and uses are as follows.

- 1 Bronchial asthma. Especially with a bronchodilator useful mainly in the acute attack.
- 2 Chronic emphysema. Idiopathic or accompanying fibrosis, pneumoconiosis, etc. Best results apparently when bronchodilators are used. Must be used cautiously or with automatic cycling in patients with severe hypoxia and elevated CO<sub>2</sub> tension. (See dangers of oxygen therapy page 145.) In these conditions therapy must be employed 2-4 times daily for about 20 minutes per treatment. Treatment is given in courses of 5-30 days which may be repeated as indicated.
- 3 Bronchiectasis. As for emphysema above. Antibiotics by aerosol are often useful in this condition.
- 4 Pulmonary edema. Especially useful when associated with severe anoxia. Must be used with great caution if shock (forward failure) is present.
- 5 Irritating gases and fumes. Very valuable especially with any associated pulmonary edema. Use until lungs have cleared.
- 6 Atelectasis. See page 138.
- 7 Respiratory depression. Must be used with caution if circulatory failure is also present.
- 8 Right heart failure. Helps correct hypoxia, relieve a burden on right heart. Excellent in management of acute right heart failure in conjunction with other measures (see page 182).

Caution

The Bennett apparatus must be used with great caution in all cases of peripheral circulatory collapse or shock (forward failure).

## MAINTENANCE OF RESPIRATION BY ALTERATIONS OF CHEST WALL PRESSURES

Although failure of ventilation may be corrected by pressure breathing devices applied to the airway, this method is not always readily available and cannot be employed for long periods of time. In such cases respiration can be maintained by applying pressure variations to the chest wall. When these methods are employed the normal intrapleural pressure relationships are maintained. The usual methods are outlined on the following page.

# PRINCIPAL METHODS OF PRESSURE ALTERATIONS TO THE CHEST WALL

| M th d                    | Pre u e<br>Du ing<br>Re p iration  | Indic tion<br>a d Use  | R marks  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| A tificial<br>respir tion | Th be t m th<br>od t use is to<br>pull on a m<br>t expand hest<br>f in pi tion<br>pre su e f r<br>xpi ti n ( e<br>b low)                             | All p<br>tory f lures<br>whe n oth r<br>method is<br>vail bl                           | E t' ely phy iol g al<br>wh n prope m thod is<br>used (s e pag 152)  |
| Body<br>spi t r           | Neg tive<br>p e u (s c<br>ti n) for in<br>pi tion usual<br>ly u d M y<br>us p sive<br>pressur (x<br>piration) in<br>attempt to<br>o ome<br>e po lung | R spirato y<br>failure when<br>p ol g d aid<br>is eeded                                | Si e neg t e press e<br>ppled to entir body<br>m y dmini h ard a<br>f il g du t pooling of<br>blood in extr mit e<br>nd t nk may b<br>dang ou in forw d<br>failu e               |
| C i s<br>r spi to         |  | A fo body<br>respi tor<br>especi lly in<br>c n v l s c t<br>o tabili d<br>pol omyel ti | M e phys iol c i than<br>body r spirator L s<br>i t r f r n w th i<br>c lation Oft om<br>f r t ble r ha d t fit<br>fo p olong d tim<br>Un atisf ct y line ly<br>re poliomy, l tl |
| R cking<br>bed            | R p t l<br>c ntrolled<br>mainly by<br>abd minal<br>c nte ts drop<br>ping away from<br>or pu hing<br>di ph gm   | Le e d<br>g ea of<br>p ratory<br>f il a<br>ab  | M m t l l t l<br>imp oving i ul to y<br>dynam c a d nal<br>drainag i p tients<br>with mbi d r pi a<br>to y nd body pa alysis   |

## ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION

Artificial respiration is the administered promptly to a person who stops at such a time as to determine sufficient to elicit his breath. It is a *Manual artificial respiration* should never be postponed while waiting for the arrival of institution of treatment with a mechanical resuscitator.

This procedure places point on expiration and provides oxygen to the tissues until the pulmonary depression ceases and the normal function. A ligature has been inserted into the pleural space for coarctation and this may occur even after many hours of artificial respiration.

The principal methods of artificial respiration are than two self-taught as the implanted method (e.g. Schfer)

**C Drugs and Concentrations Employed** (Should be prepared fresh daily) The frequency and duration of treatment depends upon the disease and its severity

**1 Antibiotics**

- a Penicillin Usual dose is 50 000 100 000 units per treatment Dilute in 1 0 2 0 cc of water
- b Streptomycin 0 25 0 5 Gm in 1 0 2 0 cc of water
- c Oxytetracycline (Terramycin®) aerosol 50 100 mg in 1 0 2 0 cc 75% propylene glycol

**2 Enzymes**

- a Although trypsin (Trypsin®) has been advocated to dissolve thick tenacious mucus or dead tissue in chronic bronchitis or bronchiectasis untoward reactions and bizarre changes in cells have been observed with its use It must be used with great caution following instructions carefully  
Dosage: 1 3 cc of trypsin solution (40 000 units/cc) prepared by dissolving the dry powder in a special buffer (pH 7 1) Administer 4 times daily for up to 4 5 days for each course Do not employ within one week after frank hemorrhage May be combined with penicillin streptomycin and bronchial dilators
- b Other enzymes have been used (e g desoxyribonuclease (Dornase®) but must still be considered experimental

**3 Bronchodilators**

- a Isopropylarterenol (Isuprel®) 0 1 0 5 cc of 1 100 or 1 200 solution
- b Epinephrine (Adrenaline) 0 5 cc of 1 100 solution

**4 Surface tension lowering agents** Various surface tension lowering agents have been advised to aid in spreading and formation of aerosols Their value is still uncertain Among these drugs are Alcolac® ethyl alcohol etc

**D Methods of Administration**

**1 Oral Inhalation during inspiratory phase** For the greatest effect and efficiency the aerosol should be inhaled through the mouth

- a Continuous pressure from oxygen tank (see lower diagram) A Y tube is inserted between nebulizer and source of pressure Nebulization will occur only when the unattached end of the Y tube is closed by the thumb or a finger there is usually a few seconds delay before the aerosol arrives at the mouth piece
- b Intermittent pressure (e g foot bellows or pump) is applied during inspiration

**2 If the patient is unable to cooperate** the nebulizer may be used with an oxygen mask which has a rebreathing bag attached The nebulizer is placed between mask and oxygen

## Chapter 7

# DISEASES OF THE HEART

## CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

Congenital disorders of the heart which are amenable to surgical correction are presented below.

Although many states the diagnosis of congenital heart disease is based largely on clinical grounds, most are as easily diagnosed as the catheterization, ventriculogram, and angiography and tomography are not usually of the occasional investigative type, difficult to perform and interpret, and require skill and teamwork.

### Tricuspid Regurgitation (Cod. No. 413.0x0)

All children with tricuspid regurgitation should be operated upon before the age of 21 if untreated. Syncope is an indication for operation. Because of the high operative mortality rate, the following patients over the age of 21 are operated upon only if they are severely disabled.

Severe tricuspid regurgitation of the direct (Baker) procedure is indicated (Blalock-Taussig) procedure. Because of the high mortality rate (if the operation is performed before the right ventricle) and pulmonary valve regurgitation (if the operation is performed before the pulmonary valve) of the indirect procedure, the operation is indicated.

### Pulmonary Stenosis With Normal Atrial Regurgitation (Cod. No. 413.0x0)

The condition is normally diagnosed by a new radiograph. A large right ventricle, a large right atrium, and a large pulmonary artery are the most common radiographic findings. Depending upon the severity of the condition, the patient may be symptomatic. Myocardial degeneration of the direct biliary type is also found in children with this condition.

If the condition is manifested by right ventricular failure (pulmonary pressure 75 mm Hg), the treatment is indicated. Severe stenosis of the pulmonary valve regurgitation (if the condition is severe) of the indirect procedure is indicated (if the condition is severe) of the indirect procedure.

If the condition is mild, the patient may be symptomatic for years.

## 156 Coarctation of Aorta

### Pulmonary Atresia (Code No. 4711 018)

In this variety of tetralogy of Fallot the pulmonary artery is atretic an anastomotic procedure (Blalock) is advised

### Tricuspid Atresia (Code No. 452 017)

This condition is recognized by the combination of a centrally cyanotic congenital heart lesion a dominant a wave in the venous pulse and evidence of left ventricular hypertrophy clinically and electrocardiographically A Blalock anastomotic operation is the treatment of choice

### Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Code No. 40x 0x0)

This relatively common lesion varies in severity from complete absence of symptoms to frank cardiac failure

The indications for ligation of a patent ductus arteriosus in the presence of pulmonary hypertension have not been established Current opinion favors ligation whenever the flow through the ductus is permanently or intermittently from left to right

Because of the low operative mortality rate (less than 1%) in skilled hands ligation is recommended in all individuals under the age of 20 perhaps 30 The question of ligation versus division is not settled but the latter has a higher mortality rate The mortality rate also becomes higher as the patient becomes older This necessitates caution in recommending surgery in adults who are asymptomatic and have no left ventricular hypertrophy

### Coarctation of the Aorta (Code No. 461 018 )

This condition is characterized by elevation of the systolic blood pressure in the arms but not in the legs a weak delayed femoral pulse as compared to the radial and brachial pulses a systolic murmur heard at the base of the heart anteriorly and posteriorly and signs of collateral circulation circumventing the constricted aorta If the details of the narrowed aorta can be visualized the diagnosis can be established by retrograde carotid or brachial arteriography or venous angiography

Resection of the coarcted site is a more formidable operative procedure than ligation of the patent ductus arteriosus and the surgical mortality is in the neighborhood of 5% even in the best hands For this reason not all physicians recommend routine resection in asymptomatic individuals The risks of the disease are such however that if a skilled cardiologist is available all coarctations up to the age of 20 years should be resected Between the ages of 20 and 35 surgery is advisable if events make it clear that the patient is doing badly

### Atrial Septal Defect (Code No. 412 0xx)

Surgical correction of atrial septal defect is now possible but the exact surgical procedure of choice has not been established as yet The results are promising but in view of the limited experience surgical repair should be advised only in those patients showing advancing cardiac failure

### Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Drainage (Code No. 486 02 )

Surgical correction of anomalous pulmonary vein drainage is in the exploratory stage

## HYPERTENSIVE CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (code No 400 533)

- Hypertensi p r s e is manifestati a hemodynamic sign a d th ou of the dise is adversely aff cted by
- 1 Ca diac fa lure se ondary to inc eased work of the heart nd r lative or abs l t coronary insufficiency
  - 2 The development of atheromata e p cially in the ebral d co nary arte es with syndromes resulting f om vas la occl sion
  - 3 Acute vascular necroses resulting f om apid sustained rises of diastolic blood pressu usually exce ding 130 mm Hg which p od c the c mplication known as the malignant phas Renal fail re o urs almost exclusiv ly in this last group

### Evaluation of the Hyp rtenstve P t t

- A Hyp t n is a onspc if gn and may be pr sent in a v rity of disea m of which ar curable o can b modifi ed by tre tment The first t p in the t atm nt f a p tient with elevat d d astolic blood pres r is to re guize ct ible re ible conditions in which hypertensi n occ ra These dise es i cl d unilat ral at ophic kidn y often with pyelo phritis ob t ctive uropathy ph och omo yoma Cu hung s dis ase vi ceral angit s coarctation of th aorta a d acut glomerular n ph tis
- B The ass s m nt f the severity of th vascular hyp te s on and the int g lity of th vital o gans commonly aff cted by hyp tension (heart brain fundi kidn y) m st be det mined bef th rapy an be plann d

### Class if cation of S v rity of Hyp rtension and Its Compl at ons

Hype te n may b la if d a follows

- A Sev. e P pill d ma o oft exudates in th fund c d f t d u bling dyspn a disabling co ona y insuffici r y ep t d br lth omb o i with ne ological seq la rapid ly adva cing d st li hypertension with p og lv left ven tri ula hyp rt phy
- B Mod t S gn of left v t icula hyp rt ophy rte i l t l ha ges in the fundi old eb lth ombos s with seq la a lly o t olled co nary insuffici y
- C Mild Dia t li blood p essure b low 125 with minim l or no bjectiv sign of v s lar d mag in fundi h a t b a n o kidn y

### M thods A ilabl fo Low i g Bl od P es

- A D uga (S p 158)
  - 1 Rauw lfa ompound
  - 2 Verat um ompound
  - 3 Hydralazi hyd ochl de (Ap soline®)
  - 4 M thonium ompo nd
  - 5 Thi ya at a d nitrit
- B Sympath ct mv
- C Low lt i e diet
- D Oth s (e g p y both rapy medation)



Indications for Potent Hypotensive Drugs and/or SympathectomyA Definite Indications

- 1 Malignant hypertension
- 2 Hypertensive cardiac failure when acute myocardial infarction has been excluded (if possible)
- 3 Rapidly advancing diastolic blood pressure with left ventricular hypertrophy and dilatation Evidence of deterioration in the heart and fundi (exudates and hemorrhages) especially in young (particularly male) individuals

B Possible Indications (in Exploratory Stages)

- 1 Recurrent mild cerebral thrombosis with neurological sequelae
- 2 Intractable coronary insufficiency
- 3 Asymptomatic men with diastolic blood pressures between 125 and 130 but without other evidence of complications of hypertension
- 4 Severe intractable hypertensive headaches

C Not Indicated With Present Knowledge

- 1 Mild benign essential hypertension in middle aged women without objective evidence of vascular deterioration or complications
- 2 Early transient hypertension in young individuals without objective evidence of vascular deterioration or complications

Hypotensive Drugs

Many patients with hypertension especially middle aged women live many years in comfort. Therefore great care should be exercised and a clear indication of significant decrease in the span of life obtained before subjecting these patients to the disagreeable side effects and potential dangers of a continuous program of drug therapy. Hypertension varies strikingly in severity in different patients treatment at present should be varied depending on the severity of the hypertension and the presence of complications.

Several drugs are now available but the indications for their use are still not clearly defined. Patients with moderate or severe forms of the disease should be given the benefit of a trial of therapy. Use the least toxic drugs for mild hypertension. Over a period of months or years slight to moderate lowering of the blood pressure may prevent or decrease or possibly reverse the vascular complications of hypertension. Combinations of drugs have been used and may prove to be useful but they are difficult to evaluate. The addition of rauwolfia is best tolerated since the complications from its use are least.

In most severe cases hexamethonium should be considered but in some instances of less severe disease it will be worthwhile to begin with rauwolfia and then either add another drug or change to a more toxic drug if rauwolfia is not effective.

- A Rauwolfia Drugs Rauwolfia is the most recent addition to the list of hypotensive drugs. It has a relatively slight hypotensive action but may be useful because of its mild sedative effect and its value as an adjunct when combined with hexamethonium or Apresolin®. It is the least toxic of the hypotensive drugs. The most annoying side effect is the nasal stuffiness. The most annoying side effect is the nasal stuffiness.
- 1 Reserpine alkaloid (Serpasil® Reserpoid®) 0.5 mg tid orally

2. Aise oxylon alkaloid (Rautensin®) 2 mg q i d

3. R dixin® 100-200 mg daily

4. R uwil id® 2 mg t i d orally

B. Vatium Compounds These compounds have been used in the treatment of the narrow margin between the therapeutic effect of the drug and the toxic effects nausea vomiting and weakness. More recently purified preparations particularly P otoveratrine® have been found useful especially in hypertensive emergencies. In these situations (heart failure complicating acute nephritis the convulsions of eclampsia hypertensive pulmonary edema) give P otoveratrine® in the following dosages

1. I V 1.5-1.8 micrograms/Kg The hypotensive effect lasts 1-3 hours

2. I M 1-2 micrograms/Kg every 8 hours

3. Orally For treatment of chronic hypertension give 0.4-1.5 mg t i d or q i d after meals (average dose). The dose must be carefully regulated and at times a difference as slight as 0.5 mg may make the difference between a patient vomiting the absence of symptoms

C. Hydralazine Hydrochloride (Apresoline®) The initial dose of this drug 25 mg orally t i d progressively increasing to a total dose of 300-400 mg a day. The results of the oral use of this drug as a sole method of therapy are often not impressive but some patients obtain a hypotensive effect. The Apresoline® is the only hypotensive agent which increases the renal blood flow it has been demonstrated clearly as an adjunct to oral hexamethonium

The treatment of the commonest most important side effect is a headache with palpitations with tachycardia. A syndrome resembling diffuse collagen disease has occurred in some patients

D. Hexamethonium The most potent hypotensive agent is the methonium compounds hexamethonium and the new preparations (e.g. Ansoylon®). Hexamethonium can be administered orally as butanously or intravenously and the commonest side effect is the bromide chloride and bitartaric. At the present time the oral route has the disadvantage of affording only small and irregular absorption from the gastrointestinal tract with resultant unpredictable effects in blood pressure. Therefore oral hexamethonium is often unsatisfactory

1. Basic principles

a. The patient should be in the hospital under close supervision

b. The initial dose should be small and should be increased gradually depending upon the reaction of the patient

c. The degree of hypotension should be only moderate at first two weeks and no attempt should be made to return the pressure to normal until it has been determined that the patient can tolerate yet lie prone use of a blood pressure cuff without hypotensive symptoms

d. The potential hypotensive which is given at the height of the effect of the drug should be considered not only a potential danger to the patient but also a therapeutic weapon to prolong the hypotensive effect of the drug after the peak effect has worn off

- 2 Oral hexamethonium The initial dose is usually 125 mg of the ion and may be repeated at 6 to 8 hour intervals usually given 20 minutes before meals. If no untoward effects or unusual hypotension occurs the dose can be increased to 250 mg t i d. The dose can then be increased the average final dose usually approximates 2 to 3 Gm a day. A trial of 2 or 3 weeks is usually required before the dose required to lower the blood pressure to a level approximating 160/100 can be determined.

The patient may then be seen as an out patient and the dose gradually increased to that level which produces the desired fall of pressure. Whether the desired level of pressure at the time of peak action is in the range of 150/160 systolic or is that which results in mild hypotensive symptoms on standing has not been determined. Constipation is to be avoided in patients receiving oral hexamethonium because it increases the absorption of the drug. Laxatives should be given to ensure a daily bowel movement.

- 3 Parenteral hexamethonium The initial dose is usually 2.5 mg of the hexamethonium ion given subcutaneously. If no untoward effect occurs the dose can be repeated in 12 hours. On the second day 5 mg may be given twice at 12 hour intervals and the dose gradually increased. On discharge from the hospital in 2 to 3 weeks the average patient receives approximately 75 mg of the hexamethonium ion twice daily. In some patients it may be necessary to give the drug 3 times a day but the increments should always be made gradually and the patient observed several days before increasing the dose. Particular caution should be exercised in older patients to avoid lowering the pressure too rapidly; this is true also of those patients with evidence of atheromata in the cerebral or coronary arteries because acute hypotension may result in thrombosis of these vessels.

In patients with cerebral or coronary arteriosclerosis Wood advocates the use of anticoagulants beginning a week prior to the administration of hexamethonium to lessen the danger of thrombosis.

Following discharge from the hospital the patient should be seen at frequent intervals and the dose increased or adjusted so as to achieve the desired effect without undue faintness or side effects. In some patients it may be necessary to have the patient lie down for an hour after each injection to prevent a postural hypotension which may produce severe symptoms during this period. In many of these patients however tolerance gradually develops although marked hypotension may still occur on standing the patient may be able to sit or walk immediately after an injection. Patients should be warned to avoid motionless standing for an hour or so after an injection shaving waiting in line for a bus and similar activities should be particularly condemned.

- 4 Hexamethonium in acute hypertensive emergencies In acute hypertensive emergencies give hexamethonium intravenously at a rate of approximately 1 mg per minute to a total dose of 10-20 mg depending upon the response of the patient. The most important of these is acute pulmonary

edema associated with a marked rise in blood pressure occurring in hypertensive patients with left ventricular failure. Dramatic improvement in the pulmonary edema under these circumstances may occur. Great caution must be used to give the drug slowly and to stop the administration when a moderate fall in pressure has been achieved. A further fall in blood pressure may occur for a time after the drug is stopped.

### 5 Side effects and hazard of hexamethonium

- a. Acute hypotensive falls in blood pressure are manifested by faintness, weakness and nausea and vomiting and the patient should be instructed to lie down immediately when these occur and place his feet higher than his head. Unless the hypotensive effect is too severe the symptoms pass off rapidly with this positional assistance. If the symptoms and the severe hypotension persist give a vasoconstrictor drug such as N osynephrine® or Vasoxyl® subcutaneously or a slow continuous infusion intravenously of a 1 per cent 4 mg/liter (see p 33). If the dose of hexamethonium is very gradually increased the acute severe hypotensive falls are in most cases avoided.
- b. Acute or progressive renal failure due to decreased renal blood flow or filtration pressure may require discontinuation of the drug. If the dose is increased gradually this is usually obviated.
- c. Vascular thromboses are a hazard in older patients who suffer severe hypotensive falls but if the precautions outlined above are taken this complication is quite rare.
- d. A low sodium diet potentiates the action of hexamethonium and if an individual receiving fixed doses of the drug is given a low sodium diet hypotensive symptoms may occur. To obviate this it is usually desirable to place the patient on a 1.5 Gm. sodium diet at the onset of therapy.
- e. Alcohol, hot climate and vasodilator drug potentiate the action of hexamethonium and the possible sources of danger should be kept in mind.
- f. Parasympathetic effects (due to parasympathetic blocking). Blurring of vision, constipation and dryness of the mouth can be corrected in part by the use of eostigmine orally in 7.5 to 15 mg doses.

### Surgical Procedures

- A. Sympathectomy The therapeutic value of sympathectomy has been highly controversial although most authorities agree it prolongs life when used in severely malignant hypertension with good renal function.
- B. Adrenalectomy This radical procedure has been tried in patients with severe hypertension. The results have not been impressive though some patients with severe hypertension have considerable benefit.

### Low Sodium Diet

A rigid low sodium diet containing 350 mg. per day has been recommended. Popularized it is effective. Portion of case in which diet is rigorous demonstrates

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difficult to continue the diet for the months and years required at present it would seem to be indicated only in the moderate forms of hypertension in which drug therapy is not to be used. The diet should also be used as an adjunct to the use of the hypotensive drugs. For details of the diet see p. 53.

### Psychotherapy

Considerable evidence is available to indicate that the hypertensive patient often has emotional conflicts particularly of the sort related to expressions of hostility and of dependence and independence. Emotional disturbances resulting from the existence of the hypertension itself must also be considered. Such emotional disturbances are undesirable because they aggravate the degree of existing hypertension and increase the loads on the heart and kidney. Attempts have been made to treat hypertensive patients with psychoanalytic methods but the effect on the blood pressure has been poor even though symptoms may often be improved. Reversal of hypertension following psychotherapy has been extremely rare. Attention to the emotional needs of the patient is an important adjunct to other methods of treatment but should not be the sole method of treatment except in the mild benign forms of the disease in which drug or surgical therapy is not indicated.

### Other Methods of Treatment

- A Sedation Nervous tension is frequently found in the hypertensive patient and may aggravate his illness. In many cases sedation either used alone or as an adjunct to other forms of medical therapy will be of decided benefit. Phenobarbital is the drug most commonly used. Dosage 15-30 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) t.i.d. to q.i.d.
- B Drugs which have evoked little general enthusiasm despite occasional favorable results because of the unpredictable effects on the hypertension and the high incidence of unpleasant side effects include Dibenamine<sup>®</sup>, the dihydrogenated ergot preparations, Priscoline<sup>®</sup> and potassium thiocyanate and the long acting nitrite.

### Treatment of Complications

The cardiac, cerebral and renal complications of hypertension are discussed under congestive failure (see p. 182), angina pectoris and myocardial infarction (p. 183), cerebral hemorrhage and thrombosis (p. 349) and renal failure (p. 301).

### Headache

Much of the headache of hypertension is of an emotional basis. Suggestion and explanation is often helpful. Hypotensive drugs are most effective in relieving severe headache associated with the malignant or pre-malignant phase of hypertension.

## CORONARY HEART DISEASE

Coronary Insufficiency

Coronary insufficiency is a dynamic concept which is concerned with the balance between the blood flow in the coronary arteries and the demand of the myocardium for blood. Coronary insufficiency exists when the requirement of the myocardium for oxygenated blood exceeds the flow of blood of the myocardium at any instant.

Coronary insufficiency may be acute and transient or chronic. In the former it is given the name of angina pectoris and may be acute, protracted and associated with myocardial infarction or it may be subacute, moderately protracted and without myocardial infarction. In the latter it is given the name of chronic coronary failure by Blumgart and his associates and is thought to represent a final stage of a long-term coronary insufficiency with collateral circulation. It should be distinguished from a mild infection.

## ANGINAL SYNDROME

(Angina Pectoris) (code No. 401)

On medical diagnosis angina pectoris by past history is indicated by x-rays. The diagnosis depends upon the establishment of careful history and an accurate evaluation of the probability of the problem.

Diagnosis

The cardinal symptom of the anginal syndrome is pain induced by anything that increases the work of the heart. Pain is usually substernal, burning, pressure, dull. The onset is sudden but not instantaneous as it characteristically is that of a squeezing sensation. It is significant but should not be a prolonged one. It is usually 20 minutes and precipitated by tension, exertion, excitement, and heavy meals.

Treatment of the Acute Attack

A. Specific Measures. The nitrites are the drugs employed.

1. Glyceryl trinitrate (nitroglycerine) is the drug of choice. It comes in sublingual tablets. As soon as attack begins place a 0.3 mg tablet (1/200 gr) under the tongue and allow it to dissolve. The dose may be increased to 0.4 to 0.6 mg (1/150 to 1/100 gr) if necessary. It is best inhaled from a small dose. Nitroglycerine may be used if the patient is unable to take it by mouth. It may be used in rectal suppositories. It may cause headache.

2. Amyl nitrite. 1 pearl crushed and inhaled at intervals of about 10 seconds. This drug usually causes a disagreeable odor. A sensation of flushing of the face, pounding of the pulse and sometimes dizziness and headache. The reaction may be minimized by inhaling the drug from a distance or by rapidly passing the container before the nose. The patient soon feels the rush of the attack and other drugs have no place in the treatment of the acute attack.

3. Long-acting nitrites and other drugs have no place in the treatment of the acute attack.

4 Alcohol 30-60 cc (1-2 oz) of whisky brandy etc may be a helpful home remedy

- B General Measures. Rest is the most important therapy in an attack. The patient should cease any exertion and should stand still or sit or lie down as soon as he detects onset of pain and until the attack is over. This generally is the natural reaction of most patients but some try to work the attack off. Patients should be warned against this.

### Prevention of Further Attacks

#### A Specific Measures

##### 1 Drugs

##### a Nitrites

(1) Longer acting nitrites. Pentaerythritol tetranitrate (Peritrate®) seems to be the most effective of these. The average dose is 10 mg t.i.d. a.c.

(2) Glyceryl trinitrate (nitroglycerine) 0.3-0.6 mg (1/200-1/100 gr) under the tongue just before activity.

b Xanthines. These drugs may be of some benefit orally in large doses (see p. 204).

c Khellin (visammin). Its use has been recommended but the reported results are not convincing. Average doses are 40-240 mg orally. There is a high incidence of toxic reactions mainly nausea vomiting and dizziness.

2 Abdominal support. Obese patients with protuberant abdomens who have a gina may have fewer attacks following the use of proper abdominal support. The mechanism is not clear. The Kerr-Lagen belt is designed for such purpose.

3 Surgical procedures. These have been employed only in patients with severe incapacitating angina pectoris in whom medical treatment has failed. The results are not good and the various surgical procedures that have been performed in the past are rarely used today.

4 Production of myxedema by means of thiouracil compounds or radio active iodine (iodine 131) (see p. 372).

The object of this treatment is to produce a myxedematous state so as to reduce the work of the heart. Good results have been reported in about half of the cases of intractable angina but this method should not be used until prolonged rest and attention to the emotional needs of the patient have made it certain that one is not dealing with a transient reversible coronary insufficiency.

#### B General Measures

1 Avoid excesses. The patient must avoid all habits and activities that he knows will bring on an attack.

2 Treatment of coexisting disorders especially anemia which may lead to increased cardiac ischemia.

3 Rest. Most patients with a gina do not require prolonged bed rest but rest and relaxation are beneficial. Adequate mental rest is also important.

4 Diet. Obese patients should be placed on a reducing diet and their weight brought to normal or slightly subnormal levels. Some authorities recommend a rigid low cholesterol low fat diet but the prevailing opinion is that a reducing diet is equally effective. The exact role of a special diet in

influencing the course of angina pectoris remains to be determined.

- 5 Tobacco is best avoided or used in moderation because tobacco produces tachycardia and elevation in blood pressure.

## ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION (code No 430 516 7)

Myocardial infarction is due to necrosis of a portion of the cardiac muscle as a result of impairment of its blood supply. This impairment usually results from occlusion of thromboembolic of a coronary artery but it may result from impaired blood flow as a result of shock or a systemic infarction from any cause. Myocardial infarction varies qualitatively from histologic necrosis to massive infarction. All infarctions show degrees of necrosis and result in varying clinical features. The infarction may be essentially asymptomatic.

The onset of angina pectoris may be associated with coronary occlusion even though infarction does not occur (if the collateral blood flow is adequate). The prognosis is better than previously thought.

### Diagnosis

In typical cases the infarction is heralded by severe prolonged cardiac pain similar in location and radiation to that of angina pectoris. It is often associated with shock, congestive failure and arrhythmia. Delayed manifestations include fever, leukocytosis and elevated sedimentation rate. ECG abnormalities are typical with characteristic changes in Q, T and ST segments which may be delayed. Variations from this typical pattern are not uncommon.

### Treatment

#### A. Immediate Treatment

- 1 Rest. Physical and mental rest in the most comfortable position is essential during the first 2-3 weeks during which time rupture of the heart is most apt to occur. The patient should not be allowed to feed or care for himself during the first few days unless the attack is very mild with no shock or other complications. Special nursing and highly skilled attendants are now considered a requisite effort than the use of a bedpan (unless the patient can use the latter intelligibly).
- 2 Relief of pain.  
Morphine sulfate U.S.P. 10-15 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) slowly I.V. (unless patient is unconscious). If the pain is not relieved in 15 minutes repeat the dose. After the initial relief of pain further administration of morphine can be given subcutaneous 5-15 mg ( $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) as necessary for relief of pain. The subcutaneous route of administration is used until the attack is over or the patient is in shock. If the patient is in shock with severe pain theavenous use of morphine may be necessary because of poor absorption of the drug when administered orally. **CAUTION** Do not give a second morphine if respirations are below 12.



- Demerol® and Dilaudid® are preferred to morphine by some clinicians in the treatment of infarction they are said to produce less nausea and vomiting
- b Dihydromorphinone Hydrochloride U S P (Dilaudid®) 4 mg ( $\frac{1}{16}$  gr ) I M or I V may be used instead of morphine
  - or c Meperidine Hydrochloride U S P Pethidine Hydrochloride B P (Demerol®) 50 100 mg I V or I M as needed
  - d Aminophylline U S P B P 0.5 Gm ( $7\frac{1}{2}$  gr ) I V very slowly (1 2 cc per minute) may be helpful if the pain is not relieved by opiates and/or oxygen (see below)
- 3 Oxygen Often useful and sometimes necessary for the relief of dyspnea cyanosis pulmonary edema shock and chest pain Give by BLB OEM or Bennett mask oral pharyngeal catheter nasal metal inhaler or oxygen tent (see p 147)
  - 4 Reassurance From the onset attempt to allay patient's apprehension and anxiety
  - 5 Shock A frequent and serious complication with an estimated mortality of 80% particularly in those in whom shock is delayed and appears after the pain has subsided
    - a Vasopressor drugs Present evidence suggests that vasopressor drugs (sympathetic amines) may elevate the blood pressure and decrease mortality in myocardial infarction associated with shock Shock must be treated early to achieve the best results For details of the use of vasopressor drugs see p 33
    - b Digitalis A hypotonic myocardium often accompanies acute myocardial infarction and shock may be associated with an increased venous pressure Contrary to previous opinion some investigators are impressed with the value of digitalization in the shock of acute myocardial infarction Digitalization can be accomplished as in congestive heart failure The increased cardiac output results in increased coronary flow and the pressure may rise
    - c Treatment of cardiac arrhythmias Shock may be the result of undetected ventricular tachycardia or other arrhythmia and prompt treatment of this complication (see below under cardiac arrhythmia) may be life saving
    - d Venous and arterial transfusions These have not been very effective but should be kept in mind as adjuncts
  - 6 Anticoagulant therapy This is a controversial matter despite the official recommendation of the American Heart Association that anticoagulants decrease the mortality and the incidence of thromboembolic phenomena in acute myocardial infarction Other investigators have challenged this especially in the milder cases (rapid relief of pain minimal signs of myocardial necrosis absence of shock or cardiac failure) In severe cases of myocardial infarction anticoagulants are generally recommended For technic see p 216
  - 7 Sedation Adequate sleep is as vital in patients with myocardial infarction as it is with those suffering from cardiac failure Whatever drugs necessary should be used to provide

sufficient atale p and morphine derivatives should not be withheld in the first few days if they are indicated

- B Follow up** Careful clinical observation is mandatory to determine the patient's progress. One should be alert for evidence of extension of the infarction, new infarction, the appearance of complications, or symptoms requiring treatment

**C Treatment of Complications**

1. **Cardiac failure** If cardiac failure develops, treatment for failure from any cause. Oxygen, low sodium intake, mercurial diuretics, and cautious digitalization are the essentials. The patient should be digitalized in such a manner as to avoid toxic reactions if possible. Rapid digitalization is best avoided unless the failure is urgent. If the cardiac failure is mild and manifested solely by pulmonary rales and increased dyspnea, restriction of sodium and the administration of mercurial diuretics may be sufficient. Digitalis is avoided by some authorities because of the hazard of ventricular arrhythmias, but its well-controlled administration should not be deferred if cardiac failure demands it.
2. **Arrhythmias**
  - a. Ventricular premature beats. These are common and indicate increased irritability of the damaged myocardium and may presage ventricular tachycardia. Quinidine sulfate is the drug of choice (see p 200). An alternative to quinidine is procainamide (see p 205).
  - b. Ventricular tachycardia is an emergency (see p 178).
  - c. Atrial fibrillation is usually transient. If it persists, if the patient tolerates it poorly, or if congestive heart failure occurs, the patient should be digitalized with care (see p 197).
3. Adams-Stokes attacks with heart block if an emergency (see p 181).
4. Thromboembolic phenomena are common during the course of myocardial infarction. If anticoagulants have not been given, they should be promptly administered if thromboembolic phenomena occur (see p 216).
5. **Extinction of the infarction.** When the characteristic pain has subsided, tension of the myocardial infarction should be suspended and confirmation sought in the electrocardiogram and in other clinical tests. The same methods of treatment apply to the original infarction, but if the responsibility is required

**Activity Status in Convalescence**

The minimum period of bed rest should be at least 3 weeks. If the infarction has been very severe, this should be increased to approximately 6 weeks. The program for most patients is 1 month of complete rest, 1 month of slowly increasing activity, and a third month of restricted activity prior to returning to work. The amount of rest should be individualized according to the severity of the myocardial infarction and the response of the patient.

The patient should not be permitted to walk freely about the room for about 7-10 days after he is first allowed out of bed. Gradual resumption of activity is most important. He should remain on the same floor with gradually increasing periods

always slowly and without producing chest pain dyspnea undue tachycardia or fatigue When he is first permitted out of doors usually not until 2 months after the infarction he should avoid hills and stairs for another month

## CHRONIC RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE

Rheumatic heart disease is one phase in the rheumatic fever cycle The stage of asymptomatic valvular heart disease without cardiac failure is the latent period between the subsidence of acute rheumatic fever and the terminal phase of cardiac failure The physician endeavors to prolong this latent phase as much as possible

### Management of Asymptomatic Valvular Heart Disease

#### A Prophylaxis

- 1 Prevention of recurrences of acute rheumatic fever
  - a Avoid exposure to streptococcal infections
  - b Continuous antibiotic prophylaxis in selected cases
  - c Prompt adequate treatment of hemolytic streptococcus infections
- 2 Prophylactic advice in regard to dental extraction urologic procedures surgical procedures etc to prevent bacteremia and possible subacute bacterial endocarditis

#### B General Measures

- 1 Proper vocational guidance to anticipate a later period when *exercise tolerance may be significantly limited*
- 2 Early recognition of disturbances of thyroid function anemia paroxysmal arrhythmia etc so as to provide proper therapy
- 3 Maintenance of general health at as high a level as possible with good habits adequate diet constant level of activity and adequate sleep
- 4 Avoidance of obesity and excessive physical exertion

## MITRAL VALVULAR DISEASE

This is the most common of valvular lesions It takes from 3 to 5 years for mitral stenosis to develop mitral insufficiency may occur alone or more commonly in combination with mitral stenosis

### MITRAL STENOSIS (code No 498)

In view of the excellent results obtained following mitral valvulotomy the signs of mitral stenosis should be clearly appreciated

#### Diagnosis

- A Signs of Uncomplicated Mitral Stenosis The most important of these are (1) a mid diastolic long murmur always associated with presystolic accentuation *if the rate is slow rhythm* and usually associated with a thrill (2) a systolic murmur which if present is usually grade II or less and is not pure systolic (3) a snapping 1st sound and an opening snap

If pulmonary hypertension is present the signs of this and of associated right ventricular hypertrophy may be demonstrated.

- B Exclusion of Mitral Insufficiency** Mitral incompetence must be excluded if possible. The mitral valve is operable only if the patient's condition is due to a mechanical obstruction of the mitral valve. If there is no appreciable systolic murmur in the presence of the signs of mitral stenosis mitral incompetence is exceedingly unlikely. If there is a loud pansystolic murmur at the apex in association with an aortic aortic often early 3rd heart sound a soft 1st sound and no opening snap the diagnosis of predominant mitral incompetence is likely even if a short mid diastolic murmur can be heard at the apex. Left ventricular hypertrophy in the ECG should make one very cautious in recommending surgery for mitral stenosis because of the likelihood of significant mitral incompetence. If there is a moderate systolic murmur at the apex the diagnosis must rest on a consideration of the total findings.

### Surgical Treatment

The course of mitral stenosis is highly variable and a view of the mortality of mitral valvulotomy (3.5%) surgery is not advised in mild cases with slight exertional dyspnea and fatigue only. Indications for surgery include the following:

- 1 Uncontrollable pulmonary edema
- 2 Disabling dyspnea and occasional pulmonary edema
- 3 Evidence of a true pulmonary hypertension with right ventricular hypertrophy and early congestive failure
- 4 Systemic and pulmonary emboli
- 5 Increased pulmonary arteriole resistance with marked apnoea and increased P. These patients are prone to develop right heart failure and emboli
- 6 Right heart failure with atrial fibrillation and supraventricular tachycardia secondary to marked mitral stenosis. The diagnosis of mitral stenosis is difficult and the circumstances and the surgical mortality high.

## AORTIC STENOSIS (code No 499)

Within the past 2 years operative relief of mechanical aortic stenosis has been successfully achieved.

### Diagnosis

- A History Findings** The criteria for clinical diagnosis of aortic stenosis are (1) loud rough aortic systolic murmur and thrill ending before the 2nd sound and transmitted to the neck and apex (2) a heaving apical impulse typical of left ventricular hypertrophy (3) a small sustained and anacrotic pulse and a weak A<sub>2</sub>.
- B Other Symptoms and Signs** The patient may be asymptomatic or associated with dyspnea progressing to cardiac failure, syncope and/or angina pectoris.

Surgical Treatment

The indications for surgical correction of aortic stenosis are progressive left ventricular failure attacks of syncope due to cerebral ischemia and angina pectoris when thought to be due to the decreased cardiac output of aortic stenosis and not to associated coronary disease. In the presence of both mitral and aortic stenosis surgical correction of both valves can be performed at the same operation.

**BACTERIAL ENDOCARDITIS**

(Subacute code No 450 100 0) (Acute code No 450 100)

These are infections occurring on the interior surfaces of the heart (most frequently the valves) or great vessels associated with showers of large and small mycotic emboli. The most common infecting organisms are *Streptococcus viridans* and *Streptococcus faecalis* which cause the classical subacute bacterial endocarditis. Bacteremias which may accompany primary infections such as pneumonia may cause acute bacterial endocarditis due to pneumococci staphylococci beta hemolytic streptococci *Hemophilus influenzae* and gonococci.

Diagnosis

Symptoms are usually those of septicemia the signs include fever pallor petechial hemorrhages splenomegaly clubbing of fingers and evidence of valvular or congenital heart disease. Do not make a diagnosis of subacute bacterial endocarditis in the absence of valvular or congenital heart disease or without repeated positive blood cultures showing the same organisms. Do not exclude the diagnosis of bacterial endocarditis without repeated negative blood cultures or marrow cultures. Occasional typical clinical cases will be found to have repeatedly negative blood cultures. Under such conditions therapy must be started empirically to prevent serious damage to heart valves.

Treatment

**A. Specific Measures** The most important consideration in the treatment of bacterial endocarditis is a bactericidal concentration of one or more antibiotics in contact with the infecting organisms which are often localized in avascular relatively inaccessible foci. Penicillin because of its high degree of bactericidal activity against the great majority of bacteria which produce bacterial endocarditis and because of its low incidence of side reactions is by far the most useful drug. Synergistic combinations of penicillin with other antibiotics have often proved valuable. Few cases have been cured by bacteriostatic drugs such as chlortetracycline (Aureomycin®) oxytetracycline (Terramycin®) chloramphenicol (Chloromycetin®) and erythromycin (Erythrocin®) used alone. Positive blood cultures are invaluable to confirm the diagnosis and to guide treatment and should be combined with tests of sensitivity of the infecting organism to various antibiotics or combinations of antibiotics. Hence one or more blood cultures should be obtained daily for 3 to 5 days before instituting

treatment except in d especially ill patient or patients with  
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#### APPROXIMATE DOSAGE SCHEDULES

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| 0 1 0 5  | 3 4 ( qu ous )  |
| 0 5 0 9  | 4 5 ( q )   |
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choice and gives as good levels as those obtained by I V injections. Large doses are advised. 0.5-1.0 Gm dissolved in 4 cc (1 dr.) distilled water + 1 cc 2% procaine I M every 6 hours should be given. Observe for toxicity.

- 3 Combined penicillin and streptomycin. Preliminary evidence suggests that penicillin (5 million units/day) + streptomycin (2 Gm /day) may be the optimal treatment for infections due to *Streptococcus faecalis*.
- 4 Chlorotetracycline (Aureomycin®) oxytetracycline (Terramycin®) chloramphenicol (Chloromycetin®) and erythromycin (Erythrocin®). While these drugs may suppress the progress of subacute bacterial endocarditis their use is frequently followed by relapse. Wherever possible drugs exhibiting more pronounced bactericidal activity i.e. penicillin and streptomycin should be the first choice in treatment. The exact dosages and effectiveness of therapy have not been established. Nausea and vomiting result frequently from the oral administration of Aureomycin® and may interfere with treatment. In such cases the drug must be given I V in doses of 50-100 mg or more every 6 hours.

Although *Streptococcus faecalis* is generally inhibited by Aureomycin® and Terramycin® treatment with these drugs of endocarditis due to this organism is generally ineffective.

- 5 Other drugs. Neomycin, bacitracin and polymyxin may be used alone or in combination with other drugs where the organism is insensitive to less toxic antibiotics (see p. 314).
- 6 Combined therapy. In infections due to highly resistant organisms synergistic pairs of antibiotics as determined by tests of bactericidal activity in the laboratory may be used (see p. 498). Combined therapy should never be attempted without adequate laboratory control.
- 7 Duration of treatment. The suggested duration of therapy by various authorities is 2-8 weeks. Most patients should be treated for 4 weeks after sterilization of the blood stream. After therapy has been discontinued the patient should be carefully observed for recurrence by taking repeated blood cultures.
- 8 Recurrences. Most recurrences are observed within a week or two of the end of therapy. Occasional cases relapse months later. The diagnosis of recurrence must not be made on the return of fever and embolic phenomena alone. These may occur for up to 6-8 weeks after therapy has ceased. Positive blood cultures are essential for the diagnosis of recurrence. Before re-treating again determine the sensitivity of the organism and then give treatment with higher dosages for a longer period of time or use a different antibiotic. About 70-75% cures are now being reported.
- 9 Anticoagulants. It is generally agreed that the use of heparin or dihydrocoumarin (Dicumareol®) in the treatment of subacute bacterial endocarditis is unnecessary and may be dangerous.

**B. General Measures.** General supportive measures as for any severe infection with fever should be given.

**C. Complications and Treatment.**

- 1 Infarction. Caused by emboli breaking off from infected

area. The infarctions usually occur in organs in the systemic circulation but if the endocardial lesion is on the right side of the heart the embolus may be to the pulmonary circulation. Treatment is symptomatic.

- 2 Cardiac failure (uncommon). Active myocarditis or scarring of the heart valves may precipitate congestive failure. When giving large quantities of penicillin as sodium salt one may give significant amounts of sodium ion. Therefore when treating a case of subacute bacterial endocarditis with congestive failure or possible failure use calcium or potassium penicillin. (See congestive failure p 182)
- 3 Anemia. The anemia if severe should be treated by whole blood transfusions (see p 147)

### Prophylaxis

A high percentage of cases of endocarditis arise after dental procedures or surgery of the oropharynx and genitourinary tracts. Therefore all patient with valvular or congenital heart disease who are to have any of these procedures should be given penicillin prophylactically. A satisfactory schedule is as follows: Penicillin procaine 1 000 000 units daily for 2 days before procedure on the day of the procedure and for 2 days after the procedure.

## CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

Cardiac arrhythmias are commonly found in every physician's practice and a thorough knowledge of their diagnosis and management is essential. Clinical manifestations vary from trivial palpitations to a clinical state of the utmost urgency as when ventricular tachycardia complicates acute myocardial infarction.

### Relation of symptoms

The symptoms produced by an arrhythmia depend upon the underlying state of the heart, the ventricular rate, and the duration of the arrhythmia. Even a normal heart may fail if the ventricular rate is rapid enough or lasts long enough. Tachycardia which may be well tolerated by one individual may produce severe pulmonary edema (e.g. in a patient with tight mitral stenosis). The physician must decide when to ignore, when to treat conservatively and when to exert maximum efforts to treat an arrhythmia.

## DISTURBANCES OF AURICULAR ORIGIN

### AURICULAR PAROXYSMAL TACHYCARDIA (code No 422)

In this disturbance of rhythm it is thought that an ectopic focus within the auricle takes over as the pacemaker of the heart and discharges impulses at rates varying from 120-320 per minute between 170 and 240 per minute. The rate is abnormally rapid and is not affected by respiration movement or emotion (unless this abolishes the attack). Auricular tachycardia is usually a benign condition unless it complicates severe



disease. At least half of the cases occur in individuals without organic heart disease. Death during an attack is rare but cerebral ischemia or cardiac failure may occur when the more rapid rates last over a period of days. The attacks are often produced by emotional tension, are common in young individuals, and at times are related to accelerated conduction through the A-V node, formerly known as the Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome. Recurrent attacks are frequent, so that the problem of preventing attacks is as important as the treatment of the individual attack.

#### Treatment of the A-ute Attack

In the absence of heart disease one should remember that serious effects are rare. Most attacks tend to subside spontaneously, and the physician should not use remedies that are more dangerous than the disease. Particular efforts should be made to stop the attack quickly if it persists for several days, if cardiac failure, syncope, or anginal pain develops, or if there is underlying cardiac disease.

- A Mechanical Measures. A variety of methods may interrupt attacks, and the patient may learn to do these himself. These include the Valsalva maneuver (holding breath and contracting chest and abdominal muscles), stretching of the arms and body, lowering the head between his knees, and holding the breath.
- B Vagal Stimulation
  - 1 Carotid sinus pressure. With the patient relaxed in the semi-recumbent position, firm but gentle pressure and massage should be used, first over one carotid sinus for 10 to 20 seconds and then over the other. Pressure should not be exerted on both carotid sinuses at the same time. Continuous auscultation of the heart should be carried out, so that pressure is stopped as soon as the attack ceases. Carotid sinus pressure will interrupt about half of the attacks, especially if the patient has been digitalized.
  - 2 Bilateral eyeball pressure has been recommended, but it is rarely as effective as carotid sinus pressure and carries the risk of producing a detached retina.
  - 3 Induced vomiting (except in cases of syncope, anginal pain, or severe cardiac disease).
- C Drug Therapy. If mechanical measures fail and the attack continues (particularly if the symptoms noted above are present), drugs should be employed. There is no unanimity of opinion about the most effective drugs, but the following are satisfactory:
  - 1 Quinidine sulfate U.S.P. B.P. (see p. 200).
  - 2 Neostigmine U.S.P. (Prostigmin®) 1 mg. subcutaneously.
  - 3 Digitalis orally, or, if no digitalis has been given in the preceding 2 weeks, intravenously.
  - 4 Procaine amide (Pronestyl®) (see p. 205). Continuous electrocardiograms or continuous monitoring of the heart rate and blood pressure is essential.
  - 5 Methacholin Chloride U.S.P. B.P. (Mechoyl® chloride) 10 mg. subcut. is often effective but produces very unpleasant side effects and should rarely be used.
  - 6 Syrup of Ipecac U.S.P. 4 to 8 cc. may be used to induce vomiting. It may be repeated if unsuccessful.

Prevention of Attacks

A Attempt to find and remove the especially emotional stress and undue fatigue or excess of alcohol or tobacco

B Drugs

- 1 Quinidine sulfate U.S.P. B.P. 0.2 to 0.6 Gm (3 to 9 gr) 4 times a day may prevent further attacks if they occur frequently and are troublesome. Begin with small doses of quinidine and increase if the attacks are not prevented and toxic effects do not occur.
- 2 Should quinidine fail or if it is not tolerated, full digitalization followed by digitalis maintenance doses may prevent the frequency of attacks (see p. 197).
- 3 Maintain a dose of procainamide 250 to 500 mg tid may be tried if the above two methods are unsuccessful.

**NODAL PAROXYSMAL TACHYCARDIA (code No. 422)**

This syndrome is usually characterized by the ectopic focus is in the A-V nodal tissue. At times the electrocardiographic or clinical distinction between nodal and nodal paroxysmal tachycardia is not possible, in which case the former is preferred. Nodal tachycardia is seen. Treatment is directed along the same lines as for nodal tachycardia (see p. 173).

**AURICULAR FLUTTER**

(Paroxysmal code No. 423) (Chronic code No. 424)

This arrhythmia is due to impulses which arise from an irritable focus of atrial muscle at rates of 250 to 350 per minute. The atrial rate is usually one half of the ventricular rate (2 to 1 conduction) but the ventricular rate may be less (3 to 1 or 4 to 1 conduction) or rarely may be 1 to 1 conduction with a very rapid ventricular rate. The ventricular rate is usually regular but if the effect is a significant A-V block the ventricular rate may be irregular and may simulate atrial fibrillation. Atrial flutter is usually easily treated by the administration of digitalis. If it may occur infrequently in the absence of heart disease it may be produced by quinidine, giving the treatment of atrial fibrillation.

Treatment

- A Treatment of Paroxysmal Flutter. Similar to treatment of paroxysmal tachycardia except that digitalis and quinidine are the drugs of choice. The arrhythmia tends to be more established more often than does nodal tachycardia. Prophylaxis for treatment of attacks is directed similarly to that of nodal tachycardia (see p. 173).

B Treatment of Chronic Atrial Flutter

- 1 Digitalis is the drug of choice. It corrects the A-V block and prevents a 2 to 1 or 1 to 1 conduction in about half of the cases of atrial fibrillation. This rhythm is usually followed by digitalization if atrial fibrillation remains after it has been produced by digitalis quinidine.

be added to convert to sinus rhythm. Digitalis may be given by any one of the usual methods (see p 197). Oral medication is usually sufficient although the intravenous route may be used if the situation is critical. Digitalis must often be given in larger doses than are usually required for cardiac failure. When a fixed 4 to 1 conduction is produced by digitalis a slightly increased dose may convert the flutter to auricular fibrillation or sinus rhythm.

- 2 Quinidine sulfate. This drug should not as a rule be used to treat auricular flutter unless the patient is fully digitalized with a slow ventricular rate because of the danger of producing a 1 to 1 conduction. If digitalis results in only a 4 to 1 conduction or produces auricular fibrillation which does not spontaneously convert to sinus rhythm quinidine may be given (see auricular fibrillation p 176).

### AURICULAR FIBRILLATION

(Paroxysmal code No 425) (Chronic code No 426)

A common arrhythmia due to ectopic impulses arising in the auricle at very rapid rates (400-500) they often follow variable auricular pathways. The ventricular rate is always irregular most commonly varying between 110 and 160 but may be slower or faster depending upon the degree of A-V block. The chronic form is usually but not invariably associated with organic heart disease especially rheumatic mitral valve disease, coronary and hypertensive heart disease and thyrotoxicosis. The paroxysmal type may occur without apparent reason in normal individuals in apparently normal hearts during acute infectious diseases following surgical operations especially of the lungs and particularly in thyrotoxicosis.

#### Treatment

##### A. Treatment of Paroxysmal Auricular Fibrillation

###### 1. Specific treatment

- a Digitalis is the drug of choice in paroxysmal auricular fibrillation especially when this arrhythmia occurs in individuals with organic heart disease (particularly mitral stenosis) with rapid ventricular rates or when the symptoms or signs of cardiac failure have appeared. If there is doubt as to whether one should use quinidine or digitalis first digitalis should be given this is because it controls the ventricular rate by producing an A-V block which is the immediate objective of treatment in such a case. The objective of treatment with quinidine is to abolish the auricular ectopic rhythm and it is quite safe to wait until the ventricular rate is brought under control with digitalis. Give full digitalizing doses (see p 197) with the objective of slowing the ventricular rate to 70 to 80 per minute and avoiding toxic manifestations. In paroxysmal fibrillation there is no clear evidence that the use of digitalis will result in established fibrillation.
- b In those cases where an attack of auricular fibrillation persists in an otherwise normal heart with a ventricular

rate under 180 a d with no oth r symptoms or igns of card ac failure quinidine sulfate may be used at once to convert the rhythm t sin s rhythm

If th v nt icular rate becom s v ryapid or if symp toms of dyspnea anginal pain or severe palpitations are produced onvers on with q inidin sho ld be t mporar ily suspended and digitali giv n

- 2 Prophylaxis of p xysmal fibrillation The prin ipl s and p oc dure re the same a for auri ular paroxysmal tachy ca di (see p 173)

## B T eatm t of Chroni A ri ul r Fibrillation

### 1 Drugs

- a Digitali Th o gh digitaliz tion is the fl st step (see p 187) Th pati t is th n usually pla d on maintenanc digitali indefinitely The object of digitali ation i t slow th v nt icula te and to imp ove myocardial ffi le cy
- b Quinidine sulfat Quinidine is used to abolish the topic hythm once the vent icula rate i controlled with dig italis It i pot t ally hazardous and hould be used only i ca fully selected cs by physician thoroughly familiar with th drug nd by a m thod whi h ensures clos medi al supervis on (p eferably in the hospital) whil onversion to inus rhythm s b ing attempted  
CAUTION S p 200 for danger of quinidin

- 2 Conv ion of ch nic a cula fibrillati C rent opinion va ies b t the following indic tions for onversion of a ic la fib illation serve a gene al guid Each ase m t be i dividuall d In ge ral conv ion is att mpted wh ve it is thought that th p tient will be bett off with sinus rhythm than with auricula fib illation
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  - b A ri ular fib illation of a f w w ks du ation in an indi vid l with no o only slight cardiac dis se
  - c A i ula fibrillation a sociat d with frequ nt emb lic ph nomena
  - d R fract ry cardiac failur induced by th auricular fibrillation
  - e Se e palpitation d e t inability to decre se th ve tricular rat with digitali thi m y be obvious only on e tion
  - f A icular fibrillatio ppearing for the fi st time po t operativ ly i patie ts with a t chnically s es ful mitral valvul tomy

## DISTURBANCES OF VENTRICULAR ORIGIN

### VENTRICULAR PREMATURE BEATS (code No 441 )

An ar hythmia in whi h ect pic impul s arise from a y point in the ve tricl s to ca s a p emat re beat It i one of th mo t common ar hythmias and oft oc rs in individuals without be rt

TreatmentA Emergency Measures

- 1 Position The patient should be elevated to the semi Fowler bed position (see p 3) or put in a chair this decreases the venous return to the heart
- 2 Morphine sulfate 15 to 30 mg ( $1/4$  to  $1/2$  gr) I V or I M relieves anxiety and depresses pulmonary reflexes and induces sleep The attendant lessening of the forceful respiration decreases the negative intrathoracic pressure and the venous return to the heart
- 3 Oxygen when available should be administered in high concentrations This is best achieved by mask or in the case of children by hood or tent Mod rate concentrations (40 to 60%) can be achieved by oxygen tent or nasal catheter Oxygen relieves hypoxia and dyspnea and decreases pulmonary capillary permeability (see p 145)
- 4 Reduction of blood volume
  - a Tourniquets Soft rubber or blood pressure cuffs applied with sufficient pressure to obstruct venous but not arterial flow and rotated every 15 minutes will effectively reduce the venous return to the heart The tourniquets should be removed gradually as the attack subsides Approximately 700 cc of blood may be trapped in the extremities by this method
  - b Venesection (300 to 700 cc) This is the most direct way of reducing the venous return to the heart and may strikingly increase the cardiac output and decrease the right auricular and peripheral venous pressure in low output cardiac failure This procedure should not be done if anemia is present
- 5 Rapid digitalization is of great value (see p 197) Great care should be exercised in giving digitalis intravenously to a previously digitalized patient
- 6 Aminophyllin 250 to 500 mg slowly I V has been advocated Oral aminophylline is relatively ineffective I M aminophylline is often painful Rectal aminophylline suppositories 0.25 to 0.5 Gm ( $3/4$  to  $7/2$  gr) may be helpful
- 7 Hexamethonium In the acute pulmonary edema of hypertension a slow intravenous infusion of hexamethonium 1 mg per minute to a dose of about 5 to 10 mg may be very helpful The infusion should be stopped when the systolic pressure falls to 170 so as not to overstep the mark and produce hypotension

**REFRACTORY CARDIAC FAILURE**

The refractory state is said to be present when the patient fails to obtain clinical improvement after the usual therapeutic measures outlined above When this occurs the following procedure is advised

- 1 Re-evaluate the total situation Has the bed rest been adequate? Is the patient getting more sodium than ordered? Has he been receiving his therapy fully? A review of the patient's activities diet and medications is essential

- 2 A unrecognized electrolyte imbalance may infuse anemia mask hypothyroidism vitamin deficiency a lent myocardial infarction disorders of rhythm present?
- 3 Have complications such as acute rheumatic myocarditis a subcutaneous cellulitis endocarditis been superimposed upon a healthy heart?
- 4 A The electrolyte abnormalities which may have resulted from diuretic therapy suggest that these have been averted? Electrolyte disturbances may lead to cardiac arrest especially with sodium syndrome in the case of patients with digitalis intoxication

#### Magnesium Chloride

##### A Special Mention

- 1 Digitalis: Onedigitalis is indicated it is usually necessary to limit the administration of the drug for half (see p 186)
- 2 Low sodium diet 15 Gm NaCl (750 mg N) per day (see p 53) It is desirable to check the patient's serum sodium or urinary sodium frequently to be certain that no deficiency is occurring. A potassium diet in the presence of severe malnutrition can precipitate fatal arrhythmias
- 3 Mercual: The drug should be used safely as is recommended frequently as 2 to 3 times per week plus a significant amount in order to remove cumulative doses (see p 204) Calcium should be taken not to exceed a depletion of hydration. Some patients will prefer the addition of it to the diet long term. I will remove it from the body. My patient has been advised to be saved from even a single diuretic by the laboratory. I have given orally to potentiate the mineral (see p 205)

##### B General

- 1 Adrenaline: It is within tolerance
- 2 Calcium: It should be paid attention to the full weight. The treatment of the non-renal of a diuretic is (see p 182)
- b Avoid bleeding precipitates (see p 183)

### ELECTROLYTE DISTURBANCES IN CARDIAC FAILURE

During treatment of a diuretic the type of electrolyte disturbance may be seen

#### Hypochloremic Alkalosis

- A Mechanism: Thiazide or chlorothalidone out of proportion to sodium chloride will bring about chloride depletion. This produces a low serum chloride and high serum bicarbonate. The sodium may be normal. Low sodium plasma levels may be no matter how symptomatic. Hydration may be present. Myocardium may be and loss of tissue turgor and a latent for manifestation

##### B Treatment

- 1 Ammonium Chloride U.S.P. B.P. 4 to 6 Gm (1 to 1½ dr)

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per day for 3 to 4 days and repeat after a rest interval of 3 to 4 days

- 2 Potassium salts may be added if a deficit exists (see below)  
If tetany is present calcium salts must be given concurrently (see p 302)

### Low Sodium Syndrome

A Diagnosis The onset of weakness oliguria diaphoresis and azotemia heralds the low salt syndrome Hot weather fever and vomiting are additional predisposing factors Low serum sodium may be present without alkalosis or acidosis or it may be complicated by dehydration and acidosis It may follow severe sodium restriction accompanied by mercurial diuresis

### B Treatment

- 1 Mild cases Increase sodium intake
- 2 Severe cases Treat with I V hypertonic saline (see p 21)

### Hypokalemia

A This may result from excessive potassium excretion from mercurial diuresis or the use of resins in patients receiving a low sodium diet Hypokalemia may induce digitalis intoxication and is manifested by muscular weakness particularly of respiration

B Treatment Potassium chloride 4 to 8 Gm (1 to 2 dr ) daily by mouth provided there is no renal failure CAUTION Parenteral potassium salts should not be given in the presence of acidosis or renal failure

## PERICARDITIS

### ACUTE FIBRINOUS PERICARDITIS (code No 420 )

Acute fibrinous pericarditis may be caused by or associated with many diseases The most common are those due to rheumatic fever uremia tuberculosis viruses and malignant disease Acute fibrinous pericarditis generally produces little functional impairment for there is no mechanical interference with cardiac function The most distressing symptom is pain and this may be entirely absent It varies from local discomfort to very intense pain which is usually substernal or precordial and may be confused with angina or infarction

### Treatment

Treat the underlying condition and provide analgesics as necessary for relief of pain Salicylates and/or ACTH or cortisone are useful in rheumatic pericarditis (see p 518)

## PERICARDITIS WITH EFFUSION (code No 420 100 8)

The diagnosis of pericarditis with effusion is important for the fluid accumulation may cause distended and dia output decreased resulting in cardiac tamponade. This does not respond well to the usual measures of the treatment of a failure (i.e. digitalis low salt etc.) but removal of the pericardial fluid may be lifesaving. This is infrequently required in the common varieties of pericardial effusion with the exception of tuberculous pericarditis. Both the rapidity with which the fluid accumulates and the amount of fluid is important in determining the functional impairment.

Diagnosis

Symptoms and signs include peripheral dyspnoea, cyanosis, distended neck veins, tachycardia, pulsus paradoxus in case of accumulation of fluid in the pleural space, but and diminished heart sounds. Pericardial friction rub may be present. The chest x-ray reveals a water bottle shaped heart shadow. The ECG shows low voltage of the QRS complex and T wave abnormalities. Diagnostic aids include echocardiography, pericardiocentesis, and pericardial biopsy.

Treatment

A. Emergency Treatment (Pericardiocentesis). The indication for pericardiocentesis is the symptoms and signs of cardiac tamponade. As the pericardial fluid increases in amount and pressure rises when it is rapidly reabsorbed, the pressure may rise considerably and the cardiac output may progressively fall. When this occurs the patient becomes weak, pale, and dyspnoeic, the pulse is bounding, and the respiratory rate is rapid and the patient is restless and in shock. Under these circumstances the removal of the pericardial fluid may be lifesaving. The fluid should be removed slowly to avoid cardiac dilatation or a sudden rise in pressure.

1 Sites for puncture. Avoid puncture of the ventricular muscle.

Left 5th or 6th intercostal space 1 cm within the area of cardiac dullness. 1.2 cm inside the left heart border as localized by x-ray (usually 7.8 cm outside of left sternal line). The needle is pushed slowly downward slightly upward. If effusion is present on the left side of fluid within 3.5 cm (11 cm 7.8 cm).

b. Epigastric area. A. Between xiphoid process and left sternal margin. Insert the needle downward at a depth of about 30 and point it toward the midline. The pericardium is reached at about 3.4 cm.

c. Pericardiocentesis. To be used only when the above approaches are unsuccessful. Reclined if one suspects a pleural effusion. On the 8th intercostal space in the mid-axillary line. The left arm is elevated to rotate the scapula out of the way. The needle is directed downward and medially.

## 2 Equipment

No. 16 or 18 gauge needle with short bevel and fitting stylet.



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- b No 26 or 27 needle to infiltrate the skin with procaine
- c 20-30 cc syringe to remove fluid. Syringe should be connected to needle by a 4 inch piece of rubber tubing to prevent excessive movement of the needle

### 3. Technique

- a Clean and sterilize skin over area to be punctured
- b Drape surrounding area with sterile towels
- c Infiltrate skin with 1-2% procaine solution
- d Insert needle (detached from syringe and without a stylet) slowly into skin following directions according to site selected (see above)
- e Withdrawal of fluid. When the fluid is encountered it must be withdrawn very slowly. Sudden withdrawal of the fluid may result in acute cardiac dilatation failure or death. Some consider it advisable to replace half the amount of fluid withdrawn with air both to prevent excessive dilatation and to give better visualization of the process by x ray. With the needle in place remove 20 cc portions after the withdrawal of each portion inject 10 cc of air
- f After the needle is removed a simple bandage over the needle puncture is adequate

### B. Specific Measures

- 1 Tuberculous pericarditis (code No 420 123). The current treatment is to treat the systemic tuberculous infection with bed rest attention to nutrition and other general factors and intensive anti tuberculous drug therapy. If the fever and signs of pericardial effusion do not rapidly subside and are still obvious in a month surgical decortication of the pericardium should be considered in order to prevent chronic constrictive pericarditis. Judgement is required to determine when the disease is progressing despite medical treatment and when signs of constriction are appearing
- 2 Rheumatic pericarditis with effusion (code No 420 196 8). Treat as for rheumatic fever. The salicylates may help in causing fluid resorption. Paracentesis is usually unnecessary but should be performed if tamponade occurs
- 3 Hydropericardium due to heart failure (code No 420 522 8). Treatment of the congestive failure is usually sufficient
- 4 Hemopericardium due to rupture of adjacent structure (code No 420 532). Usually post traumatic. If fluid accumulation is excessive remove fluid at once

## PURULENT PERICARDITIS (code No 420 100 2)

This is usually secondary to other infection elsewhere but is at times caused by contamination of a previous pericardial tap

### Treatment

#### A. Specific Measures

- 1 Systemic chemotherapeutic agents. Treat infection with indicated chemotherapeutic agents (see p 514)
- 2 Interpericardial antibiotics. At the time of removal of the fluid instill 50 000-150 000 units of penicillin or the

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#### B C i Me su s

- 1 P ra nt sis Perform as ne d d t r lie v p ure
- 2 Pericardi t my If fluid is e paulated or patu t is not  
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### CHRONIC CONSTRICTIVE PERICARDITIS

(code No 420 4)

(Tuberculous pericarditis code No 420 123 4)

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### NEUROCIRCULATORY ASTHENIA (code No 604 580)

(Da Costa s Syndrome or Effort Syndrome)

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ammonium chloride It does not relieve symptoms and may precipitate acidosis inasmuch as fixed base has been lost in compensating for the alkalosis

- 2 Good hygiene with moderation in all activities a well balanced diet and progressive increase in exercise under supervision and with encouragement

### Prognosis

The prognosis for survival is good but is often discouragingly poor for relief of symptoms

## PULMONARY HEART DISEASE (Cor Pulmonale)

*Heart disease secondary to disease of the lung or of the pulmonary arteries Emphysema pulmonary fibrosis silicosis and kyphoscoliosis are common causes of chronic cor pulmonale*

### Diagnosis

A Symptoms Symptoms of the underlying pulmonary disease may be present cough with sputum dyspnea and often wheezing precede the signs of pulmonary hypertension right ventricular hypertrophy and failure for many years

### B Signs

- 1 Signs of pulmonary hypertension Systolic pulsation and murmur in pulmonary area palpable second sound in pulmonary area accentuated closely split second sound possibly early diastolic murmur of pulmonary insufficiency
- 2 Signs of right ventricular hypertrophy Heaving right ventricular impulse in the left parasternal area weak tapping apical impulse presystolic gallop in the xiphoid area
- 3 Signs of right ventricular failure follow usually with sinus rhythm and with oxygen arterial saturation less than 85%
- 4 Evidence of central cyanosis and high output state may be present

### Treatment

A Specific Measures Appropriate antibiotic therapy for the respiratory infection that so commonly precedes failure in this type of case The patient may be afebrile

### B General Measures

- 1 Intermittent oxygen therapy possibly by positive pressure to increase arterial oxygen saturation and to decrease pulmonary arterial pressure Continuous oxygen therapy should be avoided and the patient closely observed for stupor and coma since carbon dioxide retention may occur with oxygen therapy in these patients (see p 145)
- 2 The usual methods of treatment of heart failure should be used (see p 182) bed rest restriction of sodium mercurial diuretics and digitalis Digitalis may not be effective if there is a high cardiac output state

## CARDIOVASCULAR SYPHILIS

Cardiovascular lesions may manifest itself as an complicated syphilitic aortitis syphilitic ostium infundibulum saccular dilatation of the coronary artery from an aneurysm of the aorta or as a general aortic involvement of the ostia of the coronary arteries

The diagnosis may be supported by a history of syphilis evidence of the disease elsewhere in the body (especially C.N.S. syphilis) and a positive serological test for syphilis. Serological tests are negative in about 20% of cases

### Treatment

#### A Specific Measures

- 1 See treatment of late syphilis (p. 440)
- 2 The prophylactic acidotic changes as the Herxheimer reaction are with penicillin it is therefore not indicated and rarely to precede penicillin treatment with iodides or mercurials
- 3 Severe subsequent courses of penicillin are advised by some authorities at semi-annual or annual intervals especially if the serology remains positive

#### B General Measures

- 1 Blood transfusion is desirable during the treatment with penicillin
- 2 Surgical repair of the aneurysm has been attempted but is best considered as a balancing in the exploratory stage

## SURGERY IN THE CARDIAC PATIENT

### Particular Hazards of Surgery in the Cardiac Patient

- A The usual hazards of general anaesthesia particularly greater in surgery of the cardiac patient namely shock haemorrhage anoxia thromboembolism and infection
- B The above hazards may precipitate any of the following
  - 1 Coronary insufficiency especially if the patient has coronary disease
  - 2 Cardiac failure
  - 3 Cardiac arrhythmia

### Cardiac Risks of Anaesthesia

- A Hypotension following preoperative sedation and induction may precipitate coronary insufficiency and arrhythmia
- B Staggering induction increases the work of the heart
- C Anoxia is particularly liable and may cause coronary insufficiency aortic failure increased pulmonary hypertension or arrhythmia

### Special Risks Involved in Partial Cardiac Lesion

- A Rheumatic Heart Disease. With the exception of aortic regurgitation these lesions involve hazards depending on functional status of the lesion
- B Hypertensive Pathosis. As a rule these patients develop atherosclerosis of the coronary arteries
- C Coronary Disease
  - 1 Greater risk especially if recent infarction

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- 2 About 5% additional hazard
- 3 Postoperative infarction may occur if there is significant fall in blood pressure and coronary insufficiency
- 4 Adams Stokes attacks may occur
- D Syphilitic Cardiovascular Disease Especially if associated with angina this lesion suggests involvement of coronary arteries and sudden death may occur
- E Major Hazards
  - 1 Coronary disease
  - 2 Aortic stenosis especially if angina and syncope are present
  - 3 Syphilitic cardiovascular disease
  - 4 Adams Stokes attacks

### Anesthesia in Cardiac Patients

- A Surgical procedures in cardiac patients require a skilled anesthesiologist using anesthesia with which he is most experienced
- B Adequate oxygenation must be maintained at all times
- C Avoid cyclopropane except for induction because of danger of arrhythmias
- D Induction must be smooth
- E Avoid hypotension and treat promptly if it occurs

### Management of the Surgical Cardiac Patient

- A If the patient has had recent myocardial infarction postpone surgery for 3 to 6 months except in the most urgent cases
- B Postpone surgery for at least 3 weeks after recovery from congestive failure
- C Exercise caution when giving fluids containing sodium (including blood) to avoid producing pulmonary edema
- D Treat anemia prior to surgery
- E Treat malnutrition and avitaminosis especially avitaminosis B prior to surgery

## THE CARDIAC PATIENT AND PREGNANCY

### Status of Patient

If heart disease is present what added risk does pregnancy impose? The following information will assist in making an estimation of likelihood of cardiac failure

- A Functional class prior to pregnancy
- B Age of patient
- C Size of heart
- D Structural lesion of heart
- E Presence of arrhythmias
- F Socio-economic status (e.g. if children are at home or if the patient must work)
- G Intelligence and cooperation of patient (e.g. Can the patient rest? Can she stay on a low sodium diet?)
- H Presence of associated disease

Factors Which May Predispose to Failure in Heart Disease

- A Eccentric workload
- B Upper respiratory infection and sodium retention
- C Anemia
- D Paroxysmal arrhythmia
- E Excessive sodium intake and diet soda bicarbonate in form of in plasma or blood
- F Rheumatism
- G Others

Assessment of Risk of Heart Disease in Pregnancy

- A Little or No Functional Capacity. Practically all patients who are asymptomatic or who have only mild symptoms with ordinary activities may be allowed to continue to term under close medical supervision. If they develop more severe symptoms with activity they should be hospitalized and if they fail to respond and kept in bed until term.
- B Moderate or Marked Functional Incapacity. If the patient has pulmonary edema or develops a pulmonary edema or has moderate to marked symptoms with activity, mitral valve prolapse should be considered. This has been successfully accomplished until the eighth month. If the patient does not have an operable lesion, such a patient should be hospitalized and treated for a diastolic failure and kept in bed until term.
- C Very Marked Functional Incapacity. All patients seen during the first trimester who have symptoms on little or no activity and who do not have an operable cardiac lesion should be hospitalized because of the high incidence of current failure and death in this group of patients.
- D Sodium should be restricted after the second month.

Physiologic Load Which Pregnancy Imposes on the Heart

The work of the heart increases by about 50% at the beginning of about the third month when the blood volume and cardiac output increase. The placenta acts as an arteriovenous fistula. Cardiac failure may occur at any time from the end of the first trimester up to 2 to 3 weeks before term at which time the likelihood of an unaccountable reason decreases.

Management of Labor

- A Cesarean section holds that vaginal delivery is to be preferred except in those cases in which there is an obstetrical indication for cesarean section. Coarctation of the aorta may be the only indication for vaginal delivery because of the danger of rupture of the aorta.
- B The second stage should be made as short as possible using forceps when possible.
- C Ectocesis should probably be avoided because of the increased work of the heart which follows.

## CARDIOVASCULAR DRUGS

### DIGITALIS AND DIGITALIS LIKE PREPARATIONS

#### Action of Digitalis and Digitalis like Preparations

- A In congestive failure digitalis increases the force of contraction of the myocardium and so increases the efficiency of the heart. Digitalis significantly increases cardiac output, decreases right atrial pressure, decreases the renal venous pressure, and increases excretion of sodium and water and so restores some of the hemodynamic and metabolic alterations of cardiac failure. The increased cardiac output causes a decrease in venous pressure, however, a direct effect on the venomotor system has also been postulated.
- B In the arrhythmias (especially auricular flutter and fibrillation) digitalis slows conduction between auricle and ventricle and depresses the S A and A V nodes, both by direct action and by stimulation of the vagus nerve.

#### Principles of Administration

- A Concept of Digitalis Saturation (Digitalization) Digitalis must be administered initially in large doses in order to achieve tissue saturation and obtain a therapeutic effect. After digitalization has been accomplished, smaller doses representing the amount metabolized and excreted are administered daily as long as indications for digitalis persist (usually for life).
- B Criteria of Adequate Digitalization Digitalis is administered until a therapeutic effect has been obtained (e.g., relief of congestive failure or slowing of the ventricular rate in auricular fibrillation) or the earliest toxic effect (anorexia) is reached.
- 1 Congestive failure with normal rhythm
    - a Diuretic action is adequate and edema fluid is lost
    - b Cardiac size is decreased as dilatation becomes less
    - c Venous pressure and circulation time return to normal
    - d Decrease of heart rate results if increase was due to failure
    - e Engorged tender liver becomes smaller and non tender
  - 2 Auricular fibrillation When the rate is below 80 after exercising patient, one can usually consider the patient adequately digitalized. The following simple exercises are adequate:
    - a Bed patients Sit up 5 times
    - b Ambulatory patients Hop up and down on 1 foot 5 times
  - 3 Ecg effects The most characteristic change which digitalis produces in the Ecg is sagging of the ST segment and displacement of the T waves in an opposite direction to main deflection. Later there may be a prolonged PR interval. The ST-T changes can not be used as criteria of digitalis toxicity for the effects appear before saturation is present and persist for 2 to 3 weeks after digitalis has been discontinued. However, the Ecg is often of value in determining whether digitalis had been administered in the past 2-3 weeks and may at times give one an idea of the amount.
- C Toxic Effects of Digitalis There are no non-toxic digitalis preparations and the difference between the therapeutic and

toxic level i v ry sm ll Th ymptoms of t i ty are a follows

- 1 Sl ght toxic ty Anor xi
- 2 Mode at to city Nau ea d v miting h d che mal ise
- 3 C nsid rable toxic ty D rhea ectopi b ts (e p cially e t i ul ) blu ing of vi ion c nfusio d so lentation
- 4 G ss to ility S e d rrb abd minal p in h gh deg onductio b l cks and uricul r or v tr cula fibrillati

D The ca dinal p nciples f d gitalis therapy r ma n t e wh the on uses a c ud drug su h as the whole le f or one f the purif d gly o ide of dig t ll Th y all h b o dly simil r pharmacologi c tions d ff ing only in th xt nt of the re ti ns p od ced th y llb h v simila ly q al t ti ly Th s differ n es m y be utili d to dvant g with t atm t of th indiv dual patient p ticula ly with re p t to pot cy pe d f tion xt nt of aba rpti and dur ti n f ction

#### Indi ation and R t f Admini t ti

##### A l d tion f Admini t ti n of D g tall

- 1 Ca d c failure left ght r mbined with ith unus hythm or uricular fib illation
- 2 A i l f b llation or flutt with a r pid e t i ular rate
- 3 Sup a t i ul pa ysmal t hyc di
- 4 P lo to cardiac u g y pecially m tral v lvulotomy in p t l ts with sinus rhythm that if p ysym l icular f b ill t n ccrs duri g f llowing g ry the v nt icu l r t will ot be essi ly p d
- 5 The p v ti of p roxymal a i ular rhythm i s in p t e t in whom quinidi h s failed o annot b t l t d

##### B R tes f Admini t ti

- 1 Or l dmin st tion d in all ca wh ever digit ll s need d a d pa nt al dmini tration i ot ind cated
- 2 P e teral adminiat tion
  - a Em rg n y digit ll tion
    - (1) A te pulmon y d ma o other seve failu Ca tion should be d in gi ing th full digit lizing do e in a ingl inj ti int v ously unde th e cir um tan e Th d g should b given l wly in di id d do es
    - (2) Treatme t of su i la hythmi s when th ed to control of the ve tri ul ai is u g nt
  - b Inability t take digitalis orally
    - (1) N u ea and vomiting d e t any c u
    - (2) Coma
    - (3) Postope tiv ly

#### M thod of Digit ll tion

A U t i d C Wh n the pati t has c i d o digitalis p pe ation in th pr ding I w ks

- 1 Parenteral digitalis tion (need i u g t) **CAUTION**  
 never administ r digitalis preparations I V in full digitalizing dose unless one is certain that there has be n no digitalis tak n in the preo ding two weeks Always give I V preparations slowly



## DIGITALIS AND DIGITALIS LIKE PREPARATIONS

| Glycoside                                 | Preparation                                 | Digitalis Dose             | Method of Administration  | Speed of Maximum Action       | Maintenance Dose                     |
|---|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Oxalacetate                               | 1 c ampules 0.25 mg (1240 gr)               | 0.25 0.5 mg (1240 1240 gr) | 0.25 0.5 mg (1240 1240 gr) line 1 wly 1 V flow with an th drug (b low)  | 12 12 hours d action          | Not a d maintenance                  |
| U.S.P. (C dilution)                       | 2 d 4 mp 1 a 0.4 and 0.8 mg (1240 1240 gr)  | 0.4 (16 mg) (1240 gr)      | 0.4 (16 mg) (1240 gr) by 12 c (0.2 0.4 mg) 1 V o 1 M q 3.4 h until ff tis ct i d  | 12 hours d action             | 12 (0.2 0.4 mg) (1240 1240 gr)       |
| U.S.P. (Dilute before)                    | 1 and 2 mp 1 0.2 and 0.4 mg (1240 1240 gr)  | 1.2 mg (6) (1240 gr)       | 0.6 mg (3) 12 V 1 M 12 w d by 0.2 0.4 mg q 4 h ho rs till 12 mg i give  | 3.8 h r d action              | 0.25 0.2 mg (1240 1240 gr)           |
| U.S.P. (Dilute before)                    | 1 mp 1 0.5 mg (1240 gr)                     | 1.5 mg (3 c) (1240 gr)     | 1 mg (3) 12 V 12 w d 0.5 mg (1) 1240 gr 1 3.4 hour the 0.25 mg (0.5 c) (1240 gr) q 3.4 hour until ff ct is obtain d         | 12 21 d y                     | 0.25 0.5 mg (0.5 1.5) (1240 1240 gr) |
| Digitalis U.S.P.                          | 0.03 0.08 and 0.1 Gm tablets (1240 1240 gr) | 1 0.1 5 Gm (15 22 12 gr)   | 0.6 Gm (10 gr) 1 on 0.4 Gm (6 gr) in 8 hours 0.2 Gm (3 gr) q 6 ho r f 2.3 dose th n 0.1 Gm (12 gr) b.i.d. 11 ff tis obt i d | 6 8 ho rs d action 18 21 days | 0.05 0.2 Gm (3/4 3 0 gr)             |
| Digitalis U.S.P.                          | 0.1 a 0.2 mg tablets (1240 1240 gr)         | 1.2 mg (1240 gr)           | 0.6 mg (1240 gr) 1 on and r pe t in 12 ho u a d th n 0.2 mg (1240 gr) b.i.d. 11 ff tis obt i d                              | 6 8 ho u d action 14 21 days  | 0.05 0.2 mg (1240 1240 gr)           |
| Digitalis U.S.P.                          | 0.25 0.5 and 1.0 mg tablets (1240 1240 gr)  | 2.3 mg (1240 1240 gr)      | 1.5 mg (1240 gr) 1 on and th 0.75 mg (1240 gr) q 6 ho u r Td 1 3 0 mg (1240 gr)   | 4 6 ho u d action 2 6 d y     | 0.15 0.50 mg (1400 1240 gr)          |
| Digitalis U.S.P. (C dilution)             | 0.5 mg tablets (1240 gr)                    | 7.5 mg                     | 1.5 mg (1240 gr) 1 on 1 mg 6 ho u th n 0.5 mg q 6 ho u until ff ct i obt i d  |                               | 0.5 2.5 mg (1240 1240 gr)            |
| 0.25 mg (1240 gr) b.i. by 1 11 bl in U.S. |   |                            |   |                               |                                      |

PARENTERAL

ORAL

- Selected dig in d according to rapidity of the time d d
- b Initial dose g scheduled E pt in marked me ge y do not give the tre ve ge d git lizing dose in a single dose A good gen ral le is to giv 1/2 to 2/3 f th ve g digitalizing dos imm diat ly and f llow with r mainder in 2 4 hour Observ car fully for digit II to icity (see tabl page 136)
- Addition of o l digitalis At th time that the un f l dose is given p r nt r lly it s ad s ble to gi or lly an v rag m intenance dose f th prep rat on us d if it p ti nt i ble to swallow Hy in tituting th d g lly rly optimum d g tal ati n ca be ach v d a d main tain d from th st t It is n t ne ss y t gi the s me digital s gly aid orally that w s us d f th in ti l m d cat on ( g may digital ze with I V Lan toside C and gi e d git lis fol um fo mai t nan )
- d C ti must be e r i d Apr vious h story f digit II the py i sten d ffi ult t obt in beca s th new r prepa ti are t stel s and m y b in tabl t of v i able col re The patient m y b un war f th therapy h b s b n r c living
- Digitali toxi ty h be n see in p t e ts who have d i d or w un ware of h ying r elv d th drug Thi l anoth r s n for ave ding a full digit lizing d in a single inj tio
- e Individ l e se f ea h p ti nt No d sag sch d le will fit all p ti nt
- 2 R p d l digitali tion (within 24 hou ) A singl ral digit lizing do i u ally nw se nec n u and omit ing r c memo making stim tion of d g e f digit II ti very d ffi ult
- M ltipl aid s ar sually quite dequate and rapid in tion In all c s lo m di als p r lision i e quar d b f e a h d se A digit II tion appr h d the dr g should be topped t th fi st sig sympt m of to i ity (s e p 136)

### Oral Administration of the Digitalis Drugs

| U g n y    | Drug      | How Adm ni t red  |
|------------|-----------|---|
| Mod at     | D git lis | 0.4 Gm (8 gr) q. 8 ho f 3 dos   |
|            | Dig t in  | 0.4 mg (1/30 gr) q. 8 hou f 3 d   |
|            | D g n     | 1.0 mg (1/60 gr) q. 8 hour (o 3 dos   |
| Int m date | D git lis | 0.2 Gm (3 gr) t i d f r 2 d ys  |
|            | D git n   | 0.4 mg (1/300 g) t i d f r 2 da   |
|            | D g in    | 0.5 0.75 mg (1/20 1/30 gr) t i d f 2 day<br>0.25 0.5 mg (1/240 1/20 gr) q. i. d. for 3 days |
| Les 1      | Digit lis | 0.1 Gm (1 1/2 g) t i d f 4 5 d ys   |
|            | D g t in  | 0.1 mg (1/600 g) t i d f 4 6 d ys   |
|            | D g       | 0.25 0.5 mg (1/240 1/30 g) t i d (o 4 8 days  |

- 3 **Slow digitalization** At times it is desirable to digitalize slowly over the course of a week especially if the patient cannot be closely observed during this period. If this is done any of the preparations can be given in daily doses 2 or 3 times the average maintenance dose for 5-7 days. The total digitalizing dose may be somewhat greater than when rapid digitalization is accomplished. One must individualize and no dose will fit all patients. The patient should be instructed regarding the early toxic symptoms when they occur the drug should be stopped for one day and the patient then given the average maintenance dose.
- B **Partially Treated Cases** If a digitalis preparation has been taken within 2 weeks give a quarter of the estimated digitalizing dose and then give additional digitalis cautiously observing patient's response.

#### Maintenance Doses and Methods

The oral route is preferred in maintaining digitalization. The exact maintenance dose must be determined clinically for each patient. (The table on page 199 gives the average doses.)

### QUINIDINE AND QUININE

Quinidine is the drug of choice in the management of most cardiac arrhythmias. Quinine may be used but is only about 30% as effective as quinidine. Only quinidine will be discussed here.

#### Pharmacology

- A **Action** Knowledge of the pharmacological effects of quinidine is important in order to understand the use of the drug. Quinidine has a variety of actions:

- 1 It increases the refractory period of cardiac muscle
- 2 It slows the rate of auricular and ventricular conduction
- 3 It decreases the excitability of the myocardium
- 4 It reduces vagal tone
- 5 It is a general depressant to smooth muscle

As far as conversion of auricular fibrillation is concerned several of these pharmacologic actions oppose each other; the clinical effect depends on which of these actions predominates.

- B **Clinical Pharmacology**

- 1 **Route** Can be used orally (P.O.) or I.V. as occasion demands. The I.V. route should be used only by those experienced in the use of the drug and in urgent situations.
- 2 **Absorption** Orally quinidine is rapidly absorbed, reaches a peak level in about 2 hours, and is relatively slowly excreted. There is a slow decrement to about 30% of the peak level after 12 hours.
- 3 **Excretion and fate of drug** Only 10-20% of orally administered quinidine is excreted in the urine; the remainder is metabolized in the body.
- 4 **Doses per day** After the same dose of the drug is continued for 5 or 6 doses at 2-hour intervals, no significant rise in blood level occurs with further doses at the same interval.
- 5 **Cumulative effect** With a fixed dose of quinidine is given

4 times a day as in a maintenance dose schedule the blood level rises progressively but more slowly reaching a maximum in about 48 to 72 hours. The maximum blood level then remains more or less the same as long as this same dose schedule is maintained. If higher blood levels are desired the daily dosage must be increased or the interval between doses shortened.

Because of the fact that 30-40% of the peak blood level of quinidine is still present in the serum 12 hours following peak dosage of quinidine a fixed dosage schedule such as 0.4 Gm (6 gr) every 2 hours for 5 doses can be repeated for several days to produce increasing concentrations of quinidine in the blood.

### Use

Widely different opinion has been expressed by various cardiologists on the indication, dosages and dangers of the use of quinidine. It must be remembered that patients in whom quinidine has been used have organic cardiac disease and unpredictable accidents occur even when quinidine is not given to these individuals. Until recently no satisfactory method of blood quinidine determination has been available therapy therefore was often on an arbitrary rather than a quantitative basis.

#### A Indication

- 1 Ventricular tachycardia
- 2 Conversion of a fibrillar fibrillation to sinus rhythm. Most cardiologists feel that the presence of marked cardiac failure as in a organic heart disease and a rheumatic fever contraindicate the use of quinidine.
- 3 Atrial flutter if digoxin fails to produce sinus rhythm.
- 4 Paroxysmal atrial and nodal tachycardia.
- 5 Prevention of recurrent paroxysmal arrhythmias.
- 6 Suppression of recurrent premature beats especially following myocardial infarction postoperatively after a heart operation.

#### B Contraindication

- 1 Idiopathic as manifested by fever, purpura, rash, severe hypotension following the administration of 0.1 Gm.
- 2 Complete heart block } Relative
- 3 Bundle branch block } contraindication
- 4 Thyrotoxicosis
- 5 Acute rheumatism
- 6 Subcutaneous calcification

### Route of Administration

A Oral (Quinidine Sulfate) This is the method of choice when possible quinidine is specifically indicated.

#### B Parenteral

- 1 Intramuscular applications. The intramuscular applications can be used if the patient is unable to take the medication orally and the situation is not critical.
  - a. Quinidine gluconate 0.8 Gm (12 gr) in 10 cc ampules
  - b. 20% quinidine sulfate in propylene glycol
  - c. 15% quinidine hydrochloride dissolved in water and antipyrine
- 2 Intravenous applications. An intravenous application should

be used only when great urgency requires it and by a physician familiar with the use of the drug. Quinidine gluconate 0.8 Gm (12 gr) in 10 cc ampules can be diluted with 50-100 cc 5% glucose and given slowly I V at 1 cc per minute.

### Toxicity

A Idiosyncrasy (see page 201)

B Toxic Effect

- 1 The myocardial toxicity is the most important and should be specifically looked for when quinidine is used. The earliest effects are seen electrocardiographically.
  - a Prolongation of the QT interval
  - b Prolongation of the QRS interval
  - c Ventricular premature beats or ventricular tachycardia
- 2 Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. These are rarely critical but may be sufficiently severe to require cessation of the drug.
- 3 Cinchonism. Tinnitus, vertigo, and headache are usually mild but may be important enough to require stopping the drug.

Caution. When the QRS interval becomes more than 50% wider than that seen before treatment, or when runs of ventricular premature beats or ventricular tachycardia occur, quinidine should be immediately stopped. In patients with auricular fibrillation who are converted with quinidine, transient S-A block may occur at the time of conversion and nodal rhythm may be temporarily noted. This has not proved to be of clinical significance. In very rare instances, ventricular tachycardia may progress to ventricular fibrillation and sudden death. Prolongation of the PR interval is occasionally seen for a short time when sinus rhythm follows quinidine conversion of auricular fibrillation. This rarely is serious and usually subsides spontaneously as the smaller maintenance doses of quinidine are employed.

#### 4 Other cardiovascular effects

- a Hypotension may occur when large doses of quinidine are used or if the drug is given parenterally. It rarely is significant with ordinary oral doses.
- b Embolic phenomena. Emboli occur in approximately 1% of patients with chronic auricular fibrillation converted with quinidine. The incidence is higher in untreated auricular fibrillation. In fact, auricular fibrillation with frequent emboli is an important reason to attempt conversion to sinus rhythm. Anticoagulants are advised for 1-2 weeks prior to conversion in these cases to prevent the development of new thrombi in the auricles. The hazard of emboli with quinidine has been exaggerated but must be appreciated and regarded as a calculated risk.

### Procedure for Conversion of an Arrhythmia to Sinus Rhythm

- A The patient should be under constant observation, preferably in the hospital, where frequent examination, apical cardiac rates, and electrocardiograms may be taken.
- B A test dose of 0.1 Gm (1½ gr) has been traditionally used to exclude possible idiosyncrasies. Wait 2 hours.

- C If the patient has auricular fibrillation or auricular flutter complete digitalization is advised to slow the ventricular rate and to improve cardiac function. If digitalis is not used the disorder as a V conduction resulting from quinidine may cause a rise in ventricular rate of 30-50 beats per minute and may precipitate a tachycardia of quinidine therapy.
- D If cardiac failure is present in a patient with chronic arrhythmia where immediate conversion is not essential additional measures (sodium or tri-ion m rearsial di retics etc ) should be used prior to quinidine therapy. A period of complete ambulatory status following the treatment of cardiac failure is also advisable to decrease the likelihood of venous thrombosis. Anticoagulants may be desirable for a week prior to quinidine.
- E A satisfactory method of quinidine administration is as follows: 0.4 Gm (6 gr) every 2 hours for 5-6 doses on the first day. This produces an average blood level of 6-7 mg/L. Each succeeding dose produces a progressively smaller increment in the blood level and if conversion does not occur after 5-6 doses a higher dose of the drug must be instituted. If the situation is urgent this may be started after the fifth dose or one can wait until the next morning and start the dose with 0.6 Gm (9 gr) every 2 hours. Giving the drug more frequently than every 2 hours does not permit the peak effect of the preceding dose to be reached. In the majority of cases 0.6 Gm (9 gr) every 2 hours for 5 doses will convert the arrhythmia to a normal rhythm. If not higher doses can be used if no toxicity has been encountered and it is urgent to convert the arrhythmia. Eighty percent of the successful conversions occur with daily doses of 3.0 Gm (45 gr) or less. If doses greater than this are used successful conversion will be less likely and toxicity greater. In addition to serial blood qualitative levels the effect of quinidine can be quantitated by:
1. Determining the rate of the fibrillation wave as best visualized by  $V_1$  the right preordial lead in the electrodiagrams. The auricular rate is slowed markedly in auricular fibrillation as the rate approaches 200-250/min conversion is complete.
  2. Measurement of the Q-T interval and QRS complex. As the serum potassium increases up to 25-30% of control measurement significant quinidine effects can be predicted.

## NITRITES

The nitrite is a relaxant of the smooth muscle especially of the coronary arteries and also of the other small blood vessels using a fall in blood pressure. The rapidly acting nitrite is useful in angina pectoris slow acting drugs may benefit a few patients of hypertension and may occasionally be of use in patients with frequent bouts of angina.

| Preparations and Dose   | How Administered                      | Speed of Action and Duration       |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Amyl Nitrite U S P B P<br>Pearl contains 0.2 cc<br>(3 M)  | Break pearl in cloth inhale<br>p r n  | Onset 10 sec<br>Lasts 5-10 min     |
| Glyceryl Trinitrate Tablets<br>U S P B P (Nitroglycerin)<br>0.3-0.6 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 gr)   | 1 tablet placed under tongue<br>p r n | Onset 1-2 min<br>Lasts 15-40 min   |
| Pentaerythritol Tetranitrate<br>N N R (Peritrate®) as powder or 10 mg ( $\frac{1}{8}$ gr) tablets | Orally every 4-6 hours                | Onset 15-30 min<br>Lasts 4-6 hours |
| Sodium Nitrite U S P B P<br>30-60 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 gr)                                     | Orally every 3-4 hours                | Onset 5-10 min<br>Lasts 1-2 hours  |
| Erythritol Tetranitrate<br>U S P 15-30-60 mg<br>( $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 gr)                          | Orally every 4-6 hours                | Onset 15-20 min<br>Lasts 3 hours   |
| Mannitol Hexanitrate Tablets<br>U S P 15-60 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 gr)                           | Orally every 4-6 hours                | Onset 15-30 min<br>Lasts 4-6 hours |

## XANTHINES

Recent studies with cardiac catheterization and metabolic balance studies have demonstrated that intravenous xanthines increase the cardiac output increase renal blood flow and glomerular filtration rate and enhance the excretion of sodium and water they therefore may be valuable in the treatment of cardiac failure. In addition they have been shown to increase the coronary blood flow when used in large doses and may on occasion be helpful in angina pectoris.

Preparations

- A Oral. A variety of official preparations are available but a satisfactory one is Aminophylline U S P B P (enteric coated) 0.1-0.2 Gm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 gr) 4-6 times per day.
- B Parenteral. Aminophylline Injection U S P B P 0.25-0.3 Gm (3 3/4 to 7 1/2 gr) I V slowly over a 5 minute period or I M may repeat in 2-4 hours.
- C Rectal suppositories containing aminophylline 0.35-0.5 Gm (5 to 7 1/2 gr) may be valuable in impending attack of cardiac asthma or in nocturnal angina pectoris.

## MERCURIAL DIURETICS

The mercurial diuretics act by reducing the tubular reabsorption of sodium and chloride. They may be used for edema due to most causes except those associated with impaired renal function. They are of great importance in congestive failure. Avoid excessive use especially if the patient is on a low sodium diet since

these agents may be administered orally or hypodermically alkalinized (see page 187)

#### Parenteral Preparation

- 1 Mercurophyllate Injection U S P (Mercuroanthin®) 1.2 cc  
intravenously
- 2 Mersyl and Theophylline Injection U S P Injection of  
Mersyl B P (Silyrgan Theophyllin®) 1.2 cc intravenously  
daily
- 3 Merallid Injection U S P (Mercurhydine®) 1.2 cc  
intravenously
- 4 Mercaptopurine Sodium N N R (Thiomegan Sodium®) as  
prescribed dry powder in vial 1.4 Gm (21 gr) in 10 cc vial  
4.2 Gm (63 gr) in 30 cc vial Add distilled water to bring  
to proper volume and refrigerate Give 0.5 to 2.0  
gms. as ordered May be used 1/2 M

#### Oral Preparation

Although the oral preparation are not fully evaluated and may be effective in the treatment of the disease may still be warranted  
See also article titled available

- 1 Mercurhydine with Ascorbic Acid 1.2 tablet after very  
meal
- 2 Chlormerodine N N R (Neohydrin®) 18.3 mg (10 mg  
Hg) 1 tablet or more daily as needed

### OTHER DIURETICS

The use of these values with the diuretics

- 1 Ammonium chloride 4.5 Gm (60.90 gr) daily for 3-4 days  
if followed by a period of similar duration Useful also  
as a protective agent for the treatment of the heart
- 2 Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors Various preparations such  
as sulfanilamide and Diamox® have been employed but their  
usefulness has not been fully determined

### PROCAINE AMIDE HYDROCHLORIDE N N R (PRONE-tyl®)

Procaine amide is a potent antiarrhythmic agent used for the treatment of supraventricular and ventricular arrhythmias and is useful in the treatment of nodal and ventricular arrhythmias. To be effective it can be used to prevent the arrhythmias. Its effect on the supraventricular arrhythmias is much less potent than its effect on the ventricular arrhythmias. Clinical experience is still too limited to state whether procaine amide or quinidine is the drug of choice in the ventricular arrhythmias.

#### Dosage and Administration

- A Oral Preparation (250 mg tablets) 250 mg to 1 Gm (4-15 gr) orally every 4-6 hours in the recommended dose
- B Intramuscular Preparation (1 Gm ampul) 1-10 cc diluted  
The peak effect occurs within 15-60 minutes and a significant  
blood level is still present after 6 hours. The blood level is



higher and the decrease is slower in patients with congestive failure and renal insufficiency. Hypotension is infrequent with the intramuscular use of the drug in the above dosage.

C Intravenous Preparation (1 Gm ampules in 10 cc diluent)

Can be used for ventricular tachycardia of a severe or urgent nature. The drug should be given very slowly 50-100 mg ( $3/4$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) per minute up to a dose of 1 Gm (15 gr) with continuous blood pressure and if possible electrocardiographic control.

Toxicity

The same precautionary methods outlined in the sections dealing with quinidine are essential when procaine amide is being used.

A Severe Hypotension. This is noted particularly with the parenteral use of procaine amide and may be severe enough to require cessation of the drug. This is why frequent blood pressure demonstrations are necessary while the drug is being given.

B Conduction Defects. Prolongation of the QRS interval may occur as with quinidine.

C Ventricular arrhythmias may occur as with quinidine.

## Chapter 5

# DISEASES OF THE BLOOD VESSELS

### PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE

An important consideration in the management of patient with peripheral arterial disease is the determination of (1) the amount of disability due to spasm and (2) the amount of disability due to circulation. The apy is a med in each se t li ng th d turbances

#### Differential Diagnosis of Common Peripheral Vascular Diseases

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|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Sex                                   | 70 90% i male                           | 97% mal                                    | Ov 75% m le                                  |
| Age t t                               | 10 50 y s                               | 20 35 y                                    | O 50 y                                       |
| Ext m't's<br>in led                   | Us ally pp<br>b t may o<br>i low r      | 40% pp<br>98% low                          | Alw y l w<br>ar ly ppe                       |
| Symm t y                              | Symm t al<br>bilit l                    | A ymm t l<br>u lly bilit l                 | A ymm t al<br>su lly bilit l                 |
| P iph l<br>at l<br>pl t's             | P es t                                  | Ab nt o<br>dint h d                        | Ab nt<br>d m h d                             |
| C u l tes<br>of g gr                  | Sm ll s s at<br>tpe of fung rs<br>and t | V ri bl                                    | V iabl                                       |
| V nous n<br>vol em nt<br>(phl bilit ) | Ab t                                    | Oft pr t                                   | Ab e t                                       |
| C l id t ion<br>in te l               | Ab nt                                   | R  | Us ally p e t                                |

#### Degrees of Spasm and Occlusion in Peripheral Vascular Diseases

| D s e                                   | Sp m | O l ion |
|---|------|---------|
| A t i l is oblit                        | 0 to | +++     |
| Th ombang ita bilit ana<br>(Th g s di ) | +    | ++      |
| R yn d d                                | ++   | 0 to    |
| A t a t i l mbol m                      | ++   | ++      |

## Differentiation of Spasm and Occlusion

|                                | Spasm                  | Occlusion              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Color                          | Livid cyanosis         | Blanched               |
| Moisture                       | Wet                    | Dry                    |
| Veins                          | Constricted            | Full dilated           |
| Temperature                    | Cold                   | Cold                   |
| Reaction to vasodilating tests | Extremity becomes warm | Extremity remains cold |

Adequate differentiation can usually be made on the basis of the first 3 of the above factors. Peripheral arterial disease usually is a mixture of spasm and occlusion but in many cases one factor is more prominent than the other. Therapy is aimed at correcting the physiological abnormalities whenever possible.

Test for Degree of Arterial Occlusion

A simple technic for evaluating the degree of arterial occlusion in the lower extremities especially the foot is the reactive hyperemia and elevation test. The test is particularly useful in evaluating treatment and in determining the prognosis of ulcers of the foot.

A. Technique

1. The patient is placed supine and the brachial blood pressure taken.
2. The toes are raised to 65 cm above the auricular level and observed for blanching. [The auricular level is taken at 7 cm below the junction of the manubrium and the body of the sternum (Angle of Louis)].
3. If no blanching occurs the feet remain elevated and blood pressure cuffs are inflated just above the ankles to a pressure 30 cm above brachial systolic pressure. The occlusive cuffs are left on for 5 minutes.
4. At the end of that time with the feet still elevated the pressure in the cuffs is suddenly released and the feet observed for return of color.
5. If at the end of 1 minute color has not returned the foot is lowered 5 cm and then lowered 5 cm every 30 seconds until color returns. The level at which color returns is noted.

B. Interpretation

1. If the filling pressure (level at which color returns) is 35 cm or more above the auricle spontaneous healing of an ulcer will occur or if amputation is necessary through the foot the amputation site will heal.
2. If the filling pressure is under 35 cm the more extensive procedures (e.g. sympathectomy endarterectomy) or drug therapy must be done to help raise the pressure.

### CHRONIC OCCLUSIVE ARTERIAL DISEASE (Usually Arteriosclerosis)

Treatment

Primarily conservative but thromboendarterectomy, vascular grafts and sympathectomy are of inestimable value in the properly selected case.

A General Measures

- 1 Control any disorder (e.g., congestive failure) which may interfere with the blood supply
- 2 Diabetes if present must be vigorously controlled
- 3 Tobacco in any form should probably be prohibited but there is no complete agreement on this point in thromboangiitis obliterans or Buerger's disease where treatment is useless in the patient who continues to smoke
- 4 Alcohol beverages in moderation are not contraindicated
- 5 A well balanced nutritious diet should be maintained
- 6 Adequate rest and relaxation avoid fatigue

B Local Measures

- 1 Avoid extremes of heat and cold do not use contrast baths
- 2 Fungal infections of the feet must be controlled  
Castellani's dye is preferred by many avoided using Whitfield's ointment (see page 90)
- 3 Infections of and trauma to the affected extremity must be guarded against. The patient should be given the following instructions:
  - a Soak feet for 10-15 minutes in warm water (not hot water) before cutting nails
  - b Bunions require must be trimmed by a physician or a chiropodist
  - c Skin must be kept soft and pliant by rubbing with lanolin or a bland vegetable oil 2 times daily
  - d Socks should be changed at least once a day. Preferably use two pairs of socks, 2 pairs of another kind. Shoes must be well fitted and have no pressure point

C Special Measures The following may be used in an attempt to increase collateral circulation

- 1 Buerger's exercises may be of value. However, do not use if an infection or open wound is present. Individualize the exercises for the patient. Do not restrict and restrain all activities of the patient.
- a Elevate leg about 45 degrees (support the limb on inverted chair or the wall) until blanching or pain occurs (usually in 1-2 minutes or less)
- b Next allow the leg to dangle freely for 2-5 minutes until maximal rubor occurs. At the same time the feet are moved downward and upward and then inward and outward. The toes are spread and closed while these movements are being made. Do not hold off foot exercises 10 minutes. If the feet are too painful it may be necessary to limit the exercises.
- c The patient's legs and body in a horizontal position for 2 minutes
- d Repeat this complete routine 5 times 1 or 2 times a day and have 3-5 sessions daily
- 2 Mechanical devices may be used but it is probable that the only effective device is the oscillating bed.
- 3 Vasodilator drug (see page 212). These are usually of little or no value and, unless there is abnormal vasoconstriction, may actually be harmful. Blood flow studies show a decrease in the blood supply to the ischemic limbs if the elderly arterial occlusive disease height of systolic vasodilation due to drugs.

**D Treatment of the Severe Stages of Peripheral Arterial De-compensation****1 Treatment of claudication**

- a Teach patient to walk slowly take short steps and to stop to rest before the pain of claudication is fully developed
- b Correct any ligamentous or arthritic disabilities stretching exercises salicylates

**2 Treatment of rest pain**

- a Have patient sleep with the head of his bed elevated 8-10 inches
- b Limit activities rigidly
- c If edema has developed an oscillating bed or Berger's exercises may be prescribed

**3 Treatment of severe infection or incipient gangrene**

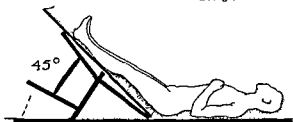
- a Start antibiotics as soon as infection occurs (see page 514)
- b Keep extremity horizontal or lowered never elevated. The oscillating bed may be useful
- c Keep the foot free of dressings
- d Room temperature must be comfortable (70°-80° F)
- e Support bed clothes by use of a cradle over affected limb or by a pillow under bedclothes at the foot of the bed
- f Drain purulent pockets thoroughly but gently. This may be accomplished by covering crusted lesion with a few layers of Vaseline® or Xeroform® gauze for 24 hours then applying saline sponges at room temperature and changing frequently during the next 48 hours. Then dress the lesion with a bacitracin or bacitracin-neomycin ointment and a single layer of Xeroform® gauze for 2-3 days. Reinstitute this treatment when necessary

**E Surgical Measures**

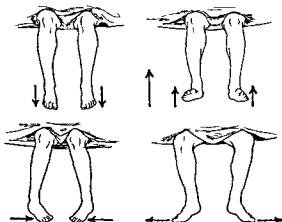
- 1 Thromboendarterectomy. This procedure is especially useful in the segmental or localized occlusion of major arteries
- 2 Sympathectomy. If there is some evidence of abnormally increased vasomotor tone (see page 208)
- 3 Conservative amputation (toe or transmetatarsal). When reactive hyperemia and elevation test shows a filling pressure in the small blood vessels of 35 cm or more (see page 208)
- 4 Classical supracondylar amputation. If filling pressure in small blood vessels by reactive hyperemia test is less than 35 cm and thromboendarterectomy or sympathectomy is not indicated

**VASCULAR SPASM****Treatment**

- A General Measures. The same as for occlusive disease. However tobacco in any form must be strictly prohibited
- B Local Measures. The same as for occlusive disease especially if associated occlusion is present
- C Measures aimed at prolonged or permanent relief of spasm
  - 1 Surgery. Sympathectomy of the affected extremity is usually



First position Elevate feet until thoroughly blanched may take 1 to 2 minutes or less



Second position Keep legs dependent until maximal color returns (may take 2 to 5 minutes) Do each series of foot exercises 10 times



Third position Horizontal 2 minutes

the treatment of choice

a Criteria for sympathectomy Best determined on clinical grounds assisted by vasodilator tests

(1) Clinical evidence of increased vasomotor tone This is evidenced by sweating cyanosis and constricted veins (absence of severe rubor and normal or slow blanching reaction on elevation)

(2) Sympathetic block or similar test gives relief of pain, better color to feet and relief of intermittent claudication

b Contraindications Poor venous tone

(1) Marked rubor on dependency

(2) Rapid blanching on elevation

(3) Atrophy of tissues

## 2 Vasodilator drugs

a Chemical sympathectomy The introduction of ganglionic blocking agents has afforded a new approach to the relief of abnormal vasoconstriction Many have been tried but only a few are useful

(1) Adrenergic blocking agents These drugs act at the nerve endings in the vascular muscle cells (neuro-effector site) which is probably the most desirable mode of action They thus not only block the sympathetic vasoconstrictor stimuli but also the vasoconstrictor effects from circulating epinephrine and nor epinephrine This group of drugs includes Benzazoline (Priscoline®) Phenoxybenzamine (Dibenzyline®) and Dibenzazepine (Ildar®) (see table) These drugs are effective orally At present they are the most useful in counteracting abnormal vasospasm

Side effects which are troublesome but not serious may be nasal congestion miosis prickly sensation of scalp Weakness dizziness and fatigue which are related to a moderate postural hypotension this may be corrected by a decrease in dosage Overdosage may result in a more profound postural hypotension with faintness or syncope These drugs should be used with caution in any patient who gives a history of asthma or peptic ulcer They may be given intravenously or intra arterially but these routes are rarely necessary

| Drug                               | How Supplied      | Dosage   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Benzazoline<br>(Priscoline®)       | 25 mg<br>tablets  | Start with $\frac{1}{2}$ tablet t i d and gradually increase to 4-8 tablets daily  |
| Phenoxybenzamine<br>(Dibenzyline®) | 10 mg<br>capsules | Start with 2 capsules a daily and increase by 1 every 4 days up to 4-6 capsules daily  |
| Dibenzazepine<br>(Ildar®)          | 25 mg<br>tablets  | Start with 1 tablet t i d for 1 week then 2 tablets t i d for the 2nd week then may increase to a maximum of 2 tablets q i d |

- (2) Vasoconstrictor compounds Produce peripheral vasoconstriction by depressing vasomotor centers in the hind brain. They do not block vasoconstricting effects from circulating epinephrine and no epinephrine. They are relatively ineffective in a patient with vascular spasm.
- (3) Tertiary ammonium ion and methonium compounds Block sympathetic and parasympathetic impulses at ganglionic synapses. They do not block vasoconstrictor effects from epinephrine and norepinephrine and may potentiate vasoconstrictor responses to epinephrine and norepinephrine.
- (4) Direct vasodilator (acts directly on vascular muscle) Nitrites, nicotinic acid and derivatives have not proved to be successful in patient with abnormal vasoconstriction.

### ACUTE ARTERIAL OCCLUSION

(Acute Arterial Embolism code No 46 618)

Acute arterial occlusion is usually due to embolism. It occurs most commonly in patients with auricular fibrillation or myocardial infarction but may result from thrombosis of vessel especially during periods of hypotension.

The onset is frequently sudden and associated with severe pain. Constitutional symptoms and shock are present if the artery is of large caliber. There is pale, lessened of the distal artery and pallor and coldness of the extremity with numbness, tingling and muscle paresis. If treatment is not instituted the extremity eventually undergoes gangrenous change.

#### Treatment

A. Systemic Immediate embolism may be treated in one of the following ways:

1. General Measures To combat the thrombotic extension of the embolus and relieve vasoconstriction the following measures are indicated and continued postoperatively (reference if urgent treatment is not possible):
  1. Morphine 10-15 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 gr) I.V. at once and repeat as needed subcutaneously.
  2. Anticoagulant therapy should be instituted at once to prevent thrombotic extension of the embolus. Give Heparin Sodium U.S.P. B.P. 2 cc (20 mg) (2000 units) I.V. immediately. The effects of this heparin will usually have worn off by the time the patient has been transported to a hospital or postoperative treatment. The usual regimen of anticoagulant therapy is the standard as soon as possible (see p. 218).
  3. Procaine or xylocaine block of the sympathetic system to the affected extremity may be helpful. Repeat as necessary but use cautiously in the patient who has received anticoagulant therapy.
  4. Vasodilators and sedatives
    - a. Papaverine Hydrochloride U.S.P. B.P. 30-60 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 gr) I.V. every 2-3 hours.
    - b. Ethyl alcohol (as alcoholic beverage) orally in generous amounts.



c Adrenergic blocking agents (See page 212)

5 Oscillating bed Useful in acute occlusions

**C Local Measures**

1 Keep extremity horizontal or slightly depressed if an oscillating bed is not available protect against pressure or trauma

2 Avoid use of heat or cold to the affected part

**D Treatment of Ischemic Neuritis** May follow acute arterial occlusion

1 Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (Cyanocobalamin N N R ) 1000 mcg hypodermically daily for 2 weeks has been advocated

2 Arteriotomy will give relief if Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> therapy does not help but reestablishment of circulation by thromboendarterectomy is preferred

## DISEASES OF THE AORTA

### AORTIC ANEURYSM

(Syphilitic code No 461 147 6)

(Arteriosclerotic code No 461 942 6)

A true aneurysm is a pulsating sac which forms as the result of dilatation of the wall of an artery Those in the proximal part of the aorta especially the arch are most frequently luetic Those farther distal are commonly arteriosclerotic

The signs and symptoms vary with the location and size of the aneurysm Most frequently they are due to local pressure less frequently to rupture The most common symptom is pain which results from pressure on surrounding structures Pressure on structures about the aortic arch also frequently causes dyspnea and cough Abdominal aortic aneurysm may produce back flank or groin pain Some aneurysms may be asymptomatic and may be discovered by physical examination or by x ray of chest or abdomen

#### Treatment

**A Specific Measures** Treat underlying syphilis if present (see page 440)

**B Surgical**

1 Replacement of the weakened wall by an autogenous vein-inlay graft homologous arterial graft or Vinyon® or Orlon® cloth prosthesis is the preferred operative treatment

2 Palliative Attempts to halt further dilatation by producing an internal thrombus along the walls of the sac or by external connective tissue formation are palliative procedures to be used only in the poor risk patient

### DISSECTING ANEURYSM OF AORTA (code No 461 940 1)

Dissecting aneurysm is caused by the rupture of the intima and forceful separation of the coats of the aorta in the presence of hypertension It is usually secondary to arteriosclerotic changes in the aorta

It is manifested by sudden onset of severe agonizing pain usually in one near the site of the rupture. The pain may radiate to the back, back, pelvis, legs. Shock follows rapidly and death usually occurs in a few hours or days. Diagnosis is usually made at autopsy because of the clinical similarity to myocardial infarction and arterial occlusion.

### Treatment

Treatment is entirely symptomatic and similar to that of myocardial infarction (see page 165).

## DISEASES OF THE VEINS

VENOUS THROMBOSIS (code No 48 619)

THROMBOPHLEBITIS (code No 48 100 7)

A condition of uncertain etiology in which a thrombus forms in a vein (usually the lower part of the leg) and grows by deposition of fibrin and filling the lumen of the leg (98% of cases). Inflammation of a localized area or much of the vein may be present. Early in the disease the chief danger lies in the development of all parts of the thrombus producing pulmonary infarction. Years later the chief danger lies in the development of the postphlebotic leg with edema, subcutaneous fibrosis, and ulceration.

This condition is common in both medical and surgical patients. The present medical and surgical treatment methods may possibly be of value but leave much to be desired.

### Diagnosis

Early diagnosis and immediate therapy is of utmost importance to prevent pulmonary infarction.

A. History Venous thrombosis tends to occur after abdominal or pelvic surgery, trauma, prolonged bed rest, and in malignancy.

1 Pain in calf and behind knee are important and early symptoms.

2 Pleuritic pain, especially with bloody sputum, is highly suggestive of pulmonary infarction.

B. Physical Examination May be negative.

1. Early signs

a. Diffusion in color of feet with elevation.

b. Slight difference in temperature.

c. Dilatation of superficial veins of leg.

2 Pain or tenderness on palpation over main venous channels of all feet. Do not palpate too vigorously.

3 Homans sign. Limitation of motion on active dorsiflexion of foot.

4 Swelling of the limb. Usually late sign. May be determined only by measurement and comparison with the opposite limb or by repeated measurements.

5 Examination of the chest in cases of suspected pulmonary infarction may reveal signs of diminished breath sound, crackles, or a pleural friction rub.

Treatment.

**A Anticoagulant Therapy** As soon as the diagnosis of venous thrombosis is made anticoagulant therapy must be started at once *Prothrombin level and Lee-White clotting time must be determined first*

## 1 Heparin

a Intravenous (intermittent) administration If clotting time is normal (5-10 min) give 5-7½ cc (50-75 mg) of Heparin Sodium Injection (Dilute) U.S.P. Injection of Heparin B.P. every 3-4 hours I.V. An ideal heparin response is one in which the clotting time is increased to 30-60 minutes and returns to normal in 4 hours. At least for the first few doses test the clotting time before giving the succeeding dose. If the clotting time exceeds 18 min defer the next dose until it falls below this level. After checking the clotting time several times it is usually possible to establish a dosage which can be used at 3 to 4 hour intervals. It is important not to go too long without adequate therapeutic levels and it is likewise important not to give the next dose when the clotting time is too prolonged.

b Subcutaneous Prolonged anticoagulant action of heparin may be obtained by the deposition of a highly concentrated solution of crystalline heparin into a relatively compact and avascular area the subcutaneous fat. One injection daily appears to give a prolonged anticoagulant action. A highly concentrated aqueous heparin (200 mg per cc) is injected slowly through a No. 25 needle into the subcutaneous fat 1-2 inches below the posterior iliac crest.

Average doses are

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 100 lb patient     | 200 mg daily     |
| 150 lb patient     | 250 mg daily     |
| 175-200 lb patient | 250-300 mg daily |

Check Lee-White clotting time before starting treatment and just before the next dose. Modify dosage as necessary (See previous section.)

At present the most general use of heparin is during the first stage or from the first to the third days of anticoagulant therapy until the oral prothrombin depressants become effective. The subcutaneous administration of heparin may be used alone without the addition of prothrombin depressants.

2 Prothrombin depressants During the first stage of treatment (1-3 days) it is best to supplement these drugs with heparin until prothrombin concentration reaches therapeutic levels (10-30%). Prothrombin levels should be done every day and the next dose not given until the day's level is known.

a Bishydroxycoumarin U.S.P. (Dicumarol®) Usually takes 48-72 hours to reach effective therapeutic levels and the same time to return to normal after discontinuing treatment. Initial dose is 200-300 mg on the first day 100-200 mg on the second day. Maintenance dose varies from 25 to 150 mg daily.

b Ethyl Biscoumatate N.N.R. (Tromexan®) Tromexan® is said to induce a more rapid fall in prothrombin

on entation and a m e rapid rise after cessation t  
oral administration than Dicumarol® Initial dose is  
1500 1800 mg in 2 divided doses on the first day and  
300 600 mg on the second day Maintenance dose is  
300 900 mg daily in divid d doses H parin is usually  
only giv n f the first 24 hours because of the m e  
r pid ction f Tr mexan®

c Phenindione (Ind n® Hedulin® or Danifone®) Has th  
d antage of r pid na t and cessation f action to a d  
g e c mp able with T om x n® Initial dose is 200  
400 mg in 2 divided doses Maint an e dose is 50 150  
mg in divid d do s Vitamin K is apparently not ef  
fecti e in ounte acting the eff t of ph nindione but this  
m y n t b important in view of the rapid et n to no  
mal p th ombin l is afte topping th dminist tion  
of the drug

3 Duration of th apy Th duration of anticoagulant therapy  
va les with e h se For mo t pati t thi is about 10  
14 days C ntinu the th py fo about 7 day aft r th r  
is no furth r f ve o pan

4 Tr tm nt of bleeding and overd g The p incip l dang  
f om anticoagulant the apy is bn mal bleeding  
a Bleeding d e to ex s h pa in Dis ntinu the th py  
will u ally b l g a atio f bi d g i bout 1 3  
hour If imm di t tion i ne e y slow l V  
inj tion of protamine sulfate 40 50 mg will n utr li e

b Bl ding du to x ess bihydroxy coumarin (Di umarol®)  
or T om an® This i mor diffic lit control fo th  
p oth ombi lev l rises lowly afte th py i diacon  
tiou d Th is is m e ap d wh n T m zn® r  
ph nind on has be n employed

- (1) Sev e b l eding
  - (a) Stop the drug and d not se g in
  - (b) F resh blood (cit at d) t anat lon imm di t ly
  - (c) Vitamin K<sub>1</sub> em l ion (M phyt n®) 100 200 mg  
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syringe o add d to ve ocly is of d xtrose d/  
s lin ) and p t v y 8 hour as nec sea y  
This is t t d to be mo ff tive than yoth ti  
vit min K like p odu t ( m n dione below)
  - (d) M nadin Sodium Bi ulfit U S P Giv 50 100  
mg i V immediately and epe t 2 3 tim the  
first d y
- (2) Mild bleeding
  - (a) Stop d ug st r t at low d g ft p o
  - (b) Thrombin tim ris e t 20 30%
  - (c) Vitamin K<sub>1</sub> (Mephyron®) 50 mg i V above
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Menaphthon B P Giv 50 100 mg i V im  
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Overdoseg f bi hydr ycoumarin (Di uma ol®) o  
Tromexan® with ut bleeding If th prothrombin i l  
d op below 10% and doe of is in 2 days aft  
tinuing bi hydroxy coum in T om xan® give 50

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of Mephyton® I V or 20-50 mg of menadione I V  
When prothrombin rises bishydroxycoumarin or  
Tromexan® may again be given

### B Vein Ligation

- 1 If anticoagulant therapy is contraindicated Vein ligation is recommended for any case in which anticoagulant therapy is contraindicated These are cases with purpura open ulcers presence of drainage tubes certain cases of renal or hepatic disease and in cases preparing for C N S surgery
- 2 Active thrombus or embolus formation Vein ligation should be performed if there are signs of propagation of the thrombus if emboli continue to occur while under anticoagulant therapy or if septic phlebitis is present

### C General Measures

- 1 The patient rests in bed with the foot elevated 4-6 inches
- 2 An elastic bandage is applied snugly from the foot to above the knee or mid thigh to keep the veins collapsed Do not obstruct arterial circulation Check the pulses Rewrap every 6 hours
- 3 Exercise As soon as treatment is started allow free movement and exercises in bed (see below) If leg is in cast patient may exercise by tensing and relaxing muscles in cast
- 4 Ambulation As soon as the acute pain subsides (or if no pain is present as soon as therapy is instituted) the patient must be made ambulatory (unless other systemic conditions prevent this) During this time an elastic bandage should be worn The time out of bed and walking is increased every day The elastic bandage should be worn for about 3 weeks after full ambulation has been achieved

## Prophylaxis

### A Early Ambulation and Exercises

- 1 Early ambulation Prolonged bed rest or inactivity should be avoided especially in elderly patients Have patient up and about as soon as possible after operation or acute illness Walking a few steps is preferable to sitting for half an hour or more in a chair
- 2 Bed exercises If bed rest is necessary passive or active bed exercises should be instituted as soon as possible and should be continued as long as patient must remain in bed These consist of active or passive flexion of toes ankles knee and hips repeated 5-10 times every hour while awake
- 3 Movement in bed With patients at bed rest keep bedclothes loose so patient can move legs freely
- 4 Elevation and compression Elevation of the foot of the bed 4-6 inches and wrapping legs from the toes to just below the knees with ace bandages will generally promote venous return

- B Routine Prophylactic Use of Anti coagulants In elderly patients who cannot perform any of the above regimen there may be of value (give as outlined on page 218) but in general the routine prophylactic use of anticoagulants is not advised

## Chapter 9

# DISEASES OF THE BLOOD AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEMS

## ANEMIAS

### HYPOCHROMIC ANEMIA (code No 501.736) (Normocytic and Microcytic)

Hypochromic anemia (low color index and MCH less than 27  $\mu\text{g}$ ) is a clinical syndrome not usually due to infection and to iron and chronic blood loss. Women require about 4 times as much iron as men up to the menopause.

Pathogenesis

- A Chronic blood loss
- B Inadequate intake of iron (nutritional deficiency)
- C Defective absorption of iron in the gastrointestinal tract (e.g. hypochromic anemia of infection). Factors influencing absorption of iron include the following:
  - 1 Ascorbic acid facilitates the absorption of iron hydrochloric acid does not
  - 2 Depletion of body iron increases the absorption of iron
  - 3 Vitamin C increases (Fe<sup>++</sup>) readily absorbed Fe<sup>+++</sup> (less so)
  - 4 Infection causes decreased absorption of iron
  - 5 Protein deficiency causes decreased absorption of iron
- D Idiopathic mechanism
- E Pregnancy

Treatment

A Supplement

- 1 Considerable iron content is found in a meal e.g. ham, haggis, etc. In the diet omitting intestinal parasites and tapeworms. Giving diphenhydramine, 10 mg, 4 times a day.
- 2 Iron supplement. This type of anemia is usually treated with iron supplements daily for 6 months.
  - a Oral preparations. The average (Pharmaceutical) dose is 15 mg/day. Maximum absorption is considered to be about 100 mg/day.
  - (1) Ferrous Sulfate USP BP 0.2 to 0.3 Gm (3 to 5 g) t.i.d.
  - (2) Syrup of Ferrous Sulfate NF (0.12 Gm or 2 gr per tsp) 4 to 5 (1 to 2 d) b.i.d. o.t.i.d.

SIZE COLOR RELATIONSHIPS OF RED BLOOD CELLS IN THE VARIOUS ANEMIAS

| SIZE COLOR RELATIONSHIPS OF RED BLOOD CELLS     |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| SIZE  | COLOR  |   |   |
|   | HYPOCHROMIC<br>MCH < 21 γ<br>CI < 0.9  | NORMOCHROMIC<br>MCH 27-32 γ<br>CI 0.9-1.1   | HYPERCHROMIC<br>MCH > 30 γ<br>CI > 1.1  |
| <b>MICROCYTIC</b><br>MCV < 79 cμ<br>VI < 0.9    | Anemias due to faulty<br>GI absorption of iron<br>Iron deficiency anemias<br>Anemias due to infections<br>Anemias due to chemical<br>and physical toxins<br>Splenic anemias<br>Erythroblastic anemias<br>Anemias due to blood loss | Uncommon  | Uncommon  |
| <b>NORMOCYTIC</b><br>MCV 80-94 cμ<br>VI 0.9-1.1 | Hemolytic anemias<br>Erythroblastic anemias<br>Myelophthialic anemias<br>Macrocytic anemias<br>complicated by iron<br>deficiency or blood loss<br>or other of the above<br>factors   | As for hypochromic<br>microcytic and<br>normocytic anemias<br>Aplastic anemias<br>As for hyperchromic<br>macrocytic anemias | pernicious anemia<br>Tropical anemias<br>Anemia of sprue<br>Fish tapeworm anemia<br>Macrocytic anemias<br>associated with<br>idiopathic steatorrhea<br>Chronic liver disease<br>Gastric carcinoma (rare)<br>Faulty GI absorption<br>Leukemia &<br>pregnancy<br>infancy. |
| <b>MACROCYTIC</b><br>MCV > 95 cμ<br>VI > 1.1    |  |   |   |

- (3) Ferric Carbonate N F 0.3 Gm (5 gr) t i d p c  
 B P 0.5 to 0.6 Gm (7½ to 15 gr) t i d p c  
 (4) Ferric ammonium citrate solution (50%) 4 cc (1 d )  
 t i d p

- (5) Ferric Gluconate N F 0.3 Gm (5 gr) t i d p  
 b Intravenous iron. The patient may fail to respond to iron administered orally because of (a) intolerance due to gastrointestinal irritation (b) sensitivity to iron (c) severe gastrointestinal disease (d) iron deficiency anemia (e) (d) refractoriness to oral iron (probably due to inability to absorb the iron)

I.V. administration of a chelated iron chelate is indicated in such cases provided only the amount necessary to correct the deficiency is given

- (1) Calculation. Use of the following formula

(a)  $(\text{Normal Hgb} - \text{patient's Hgb}) \times 0.255$  Gm. of metallic iron needed

(b)  $\% \text{ deficit of Hgb} \times 25$  mg of metallic iron needed

- (2) Administration. Do not give the total dose at one time administer as follows

(a) Initial dose 50 mg I.V.

(b) Subsequent doses 100-150 mg I.V. daily until total dose is given

### 3. Adjunctive therapy

Ascorbic acid. Give ascorbic acid or ascorbic acid tablets 30-50 mg per day for children 100-150 mg per day for adults

- b Hydrochloric Acid Diluted U.S.P. (12%) 2-4 cc (1/2 to 1 dr) t i d in a glass of water with meals sipped through a glass or fibrous tubing frequently has been prescribed for patients with achlorhydria but recent evidence indicates that dilute hydrochloric acid does not facilitate the absorption of iron in the gastrointestinal tract. If prescribed prescribe it to be brushed with sodium bicarbonate after meals to neutralize acid left on the teeth

### B. General Measures

- 1 Diet. High protein, high potassium, high iron, high vitamin diet. At least 70 Gm protein in/dy for average adult. Foods high in iron in food list or other organ meats, fresh red meat, yeast, eggs, vegetables, especially vegetable greens. Packaged products purchased. A 2240 calorie diet containing 70 Gm protein in 115 Gm fat and 230 Gm carbohydrate will contain approximately 20 mg of iron

- 2 Vitamins. Vitamin deficiencies are usually multiple and are associated with other nutritional deficiencies. Make a careful laboratory nutritional status before administering expensive vitamin preparation which have not indicated  
 a Indications. Vitamin deficiencies diseases directly or indirectly associated with anemia include beriberi, pellagra, scurvy and hypoproteinemias due to vitamin K deficiency

- b Deficiencies. Deficiencies are most often multiple so it is usually advisable to administer multiple vitamin preparations  
 c Specific preparations. Use only specific vitamin



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deficiency (see page 38)

- 3 Whole blood transfusions preferably of fresh blood are used when there is need for rapid restoration of hemoglobin this need is more urgent when hemoglobin is less than 8 Gm per 100 cc (50%) (see page 247)
  - a Acute hemorrhage when blood loss is greater than 300 cc
  - b Chronic hypochromic anemia when
    - (1) Need for correction of anemia is urgent (e g surgery and acute sepsis)
    - (2) Fail re to respond to anti an mic measures Re evaluate and consider other causes for the anemia (e g blood dyscrasias and serious constitutional diseases)
- 4 Red cell mass ( sludge ) transfusions are used to restore h moglobin and red cells without
  - a Increasing plasma volum
  - b Producing or incurring risk of serum reactions (serum jaundice)
- 5 Thyroid May be indicated if anemia is associated w th frank hypothyroidism or myxedema (see page 368)

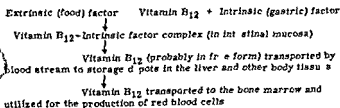
## MACROCYTIC ANEMIAS

### PERNICIOUS ANEMIA (code No 501 702)

Pernicious anemia (P A ) is a chronic and if untreated progressive macrocytic anemia The primary defect is the failure of the gastric mucosa to produce a substan e (intrinsic or gastric factor) that is essential for the absorpti n of the vitamin B<sub>12</sub> in certain foods

In the absence of intrinsic factor in dequate absorption of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> occurs and a deficiency of this vitamin develops Vita min B<sub>12</sub> is essential for normal erythropoiesis When deficient pathologic red cell formation (megaloblastic regeneration) occurs There is no primary deficiency of folic acid in P A The disease responds specifically to the parenteral administration of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or of extracts of liver containing vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or to the oral admin istration of liver or of preparations containing intrinsic factor and vitamin B<sub>12</sub>

The relationship of dietary and gastric factors to normal r b c formation (modification of Castle s the ry) may be outlined as follows



## Diagnosis

### A Symptoms

- 1 Anemia Weakness dyspnea and palpitation
- 2 Gastrointestinal Anorexia diarrhea and dyspepsia
- 3 CNS Numbness and tingling of extremities and sphincter incontinence

B Signs Pallor icteric tint tachycardia glossitis mild hepatomegaly and splenomegaly diminution of vibratory sense and reflexes

### C Laboratory

- 1 Hematime schistocytes
- 2 Macrocytic anemia
  - a MCV 95-160  $\mu$
  - b MCHC > 32 g% (same as normal)
  - c MCH 33-38  $\gamma$  (more)
  - d Orthochromatic megaloblast (normoblasts) present
  - e Anisocytosis poikilocytosis and polychromatophilia
- 3 Bone marrow change
  - a Hematopoiesis increased and soft
  - b Large numbers of megaloblasts are present

### D Therapeutic Response to Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Extracts of Liver and "Li-S-B-Trit"

- 1 Disappearance of symptoms and signs
- 2 Reticulocyte response (normal count is less than 1%)
- 3 Improvement of anemia Occurs about 1 week after beginning and disappears after 48-72 hours after adequate vitamin B<sub>12</sub>

## Treatment

The treatment should be based upon an accurate diagnosis. Different from numerous other conditions characterized by macrocytic anemia

A Special Measures Pariteral therapy is strongly recommended although preparations are available (see below) for those patients who cannot or will not accept parenteral treatment. Nutritional liver extract and folic acid should be administered to patients with PAB anemia.

The pariteral administration of refined extracts of liver or of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> uniformly followed by optimal clinical and hematologic responses. Following such therapy the PAB patient in relapse will undergo an increase in circulating reticulocytes (reaching a peak in 6-10 days) and a return of erythrocyte and hemoglobin values to normal in 3-5 weeks.

(1) Parenteral doses and indications

a For uncomplicated PAB in relapse

- (1) Initial injection 20-30 milligrams of crystalline vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (Cyanocobalamin N N R), vitamin B<sub>12</sub> concentrate refined (concentration) liver extract (Liver Injection U.S.P.) Liver injection contains 10-20 milligram of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> per cc giving the equivalent of 20-30 milligram of vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> concentrate may cause allergic reaction.
- (2) Subsequent injections

- (1) Patients in severe relapse Give 15-20 milligram vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or equivalent very third or

until blood values return to normal

(b) Mild relapse 15-20 micrograms weekly usually is adequate

- b For P A complicated by degeneration of the spinal cord Doses in excess of the amounts needed for uncomplicated P A may be required The degree of reversibility of neurologic manifestations is inversely proportional to the duration of symptoms Improvement frequently is marked in patients with symptoms of 6 months duration or less less pronounced in patients with symptoms of 6-12 months duration and negligible in patients with symptoms of more than 1 year's duration It is advisable to treat all patients intensively for at least 6 months and preferably for 1-2 years

Physical therapy including coordination exercises is an important adjunct to the specific therapy of P A complicated by spinal cord degeneration

(1) Initial I M injection 30-60 micrograms of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or refined liver extract

(2) Subsequent injections 20-30 micrograms 2 or 3 times weekly for 6 months or more or until optimal neurologic improvement has been demonstrated If optimal neurologic improvement has not occurred at the end of 6 months continue with 20-30 micrograms once a week

- c Maintenance therapy The nutritional requirement for vitamin B<sub>12</sub> in normal individuals is 1-2 microgram or slightly less each day This amount administered to patients with P A in whom blood values have been restored to normal and optimal neurologic recovery has been observed will provide satisfactory control in most instances 15 micrograms of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or refined liver extract I M once every 2 weeks should be adequate Larger doses may be necessary during periods of increased stress (infection prolonged debilitating or chronic illness etc.)

The patient must be instructed as to the need for adequate and regular specific therapy for the remainder of his life The serious risks of neglect should be emphasized

- 2 Oral preparations The response to the oral administration of powdered hogs stomach liver stomach preparations and tablets of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (even in high dosage) usually is slow or less uniform and often suboptimal when compared with the response to parenteral therapy It is possible that the oral administration of intrinsic factor vitamin B<sub>12</sub> complex substances or the inhalation of powdered vitamin B<sub>12</sub> following intranasal dusting will prove to be satisfactory methods of treatment but the reliability of these methods has not been proved as yet

a Powdered hogs stomach (Ventriculin®)

b Liver with stomach (Extralain®)

c Tablets of vitamin B<sub>12</sub>

d Powdered vitamin B<sub>12</sub>

e Combinations in tablet form of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and intrinsic factor (derived from various sources) so called intrinsic factor vitamin B<sub>12</sub> complex substances

**B. General Measures:** Periodic clinical and blood examinations should provide the basis for administration and dosage of liver iron and a vitamin B<sub>12</sub> drug.

1. **Rx:** Patients with profound anemia should be admitted to hospital care may be necessary in patients with severe involvement (anemia and extensive leukopenia).
2. **Diet:** A diet adequate in essential nutrients and vitamins does not need to be supplemented with extra quantities of dietary live tissues for some period; the patient is not on a raw diet.
3. **Iron:** Ferrous salts may be given as an adjunct to therapy when the iron content of the red cells is low (MCHC < 27% or 70 or less index). Liver patients usually require more iron (see page 215).
4. **Hydrochloric Acid:** Distilled HCl 10% 2-4 cc (2-3 dr) 4 times a day in a glass of water after meals a full wine with meals may be given to patients who have diarrhea as a complication of the achylia gastrica. Patients with heartburn with sodium bicarbonate immediately after meals to neutralize hydrochloric acid and prevent erosion of teeth.
5. **Thyroid** may be used in patients who fail to respond due to a so-called hypothyroidism.
6. **Measure to improve liver function:** In P.A. patients with a so-called hepatic damage have been suggested as an attempt to aid utilization and storage of the extrinsic factor (see page 210).

## MACROCYTIC ANEMIA OF PREGNANCY (see page 211)

(Pernicious Anemia of Pregnancy)

A hyperbromic macrocytic anemia, characterized by megakaryoblasts in the bone marrow usually occurring at end of the second or during the third trimester of pregnancy.

### Treatment

This anemia responds specifically to the oral or parenteral administration of folic acid or to crude liver extract (which contains folic acid). It does not respond to the parenteral administration of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or refined liver extract (which contains vitamin B<sub>12</sub> but not folic acid).

- A. Specific Measures:** After delivery is achieved with folic acid 14 (1 cc liver extract) may be discontinued and a relapse does not occur.
1. Folic acid 10-15 mg (1/4-1/2 gr) or 7 daily
  2. Crude liver extract 4 cc (1 dr) 1 M daily
  3. Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and refined liver extract 1 cc 1 M daily

### B. General Measures

1. Give liver a sufficient amount of animal protein even if diet is already adequate beginning early and continue throughout pregnancy.
2. If hypochromia occurs (ferrous salts should be administered) (see page 215).

## SPRUE

### (Anemia of Sprue code No 501 703)

Sprue is a chronic disease of undetermined cause (probably due to nutritional deficiency) characterized by sore mouth glossitis indigestion and recurrent diarrhea with steatorrhea. It results in anemia asthenia emaciation and even death. The anemia may be microcytic hypochromic normocytic hypochromic or macrocytic hyperchromic (megaloblastic).

### Treatment

#### A. Specific Measures

- 1 For hypochromic anemia Oral or intravenous administration of iron (see page 219)
- 2 For macrocytic hypochromic anemia (with megaloblastosis)
  - a Cortisone or ACTH Cortisone 100 200 mg /day orally or I M or adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) 40 100 units/day I M are important advances in the treatment of this form of anemia in non tropical sprue. Improvement in the anemia is thought to be the result of increased absorption from the gastrointestinal tract of nutrients in food including hemopoietic factors (vitamin B<sub>12</sub> folic acid etc.)
  - b Alternate therapy If megaloblastic anemia of sprue fails to respond to cortisone or ACTH therapy give one of the following
    - (1) Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> U S P 15 30 micrograms I M 1 2 times per week until remission is obtained and then 10 15 micrograms I M every 1 2 weeks
    - (2) Folic acid U S P 10 15 mg ( $\frac{1}{10}$  1/4 gr) daily orally or preferably I M
    - (3) Crude liver extract 4 cc (1 dr) I M daily

#### B. General Measures

- 1 High caloric high protein low fat high vitamin diet
- 2 Plasma and blood transfusions initially p r n for severe hypoproteinemia and anemia
- 3 Cortisone or ACTH may be used in the hypochromic form in dosages utilized for correction of the megaloblastic anemia of sprue (see page 423). These substances increase the absorption of nitrogen fats and other nutrients from the gastrointestinal tract
- 4 Vitamin K Menadione sodium bisulfite 10 mg ( $\frac{1}{10}$  gr) I M or I V immediately followed by 5 mg orally twice daily if hypoprothrombinemia is present
- 5 Calcium chloride phosphate or gluconate 2 Gm (30 gr) orally t i d and vitamin D 5000 20 000 units if hypocalcemia or tetany exist
- 6 Vitamin supplements by mouth

### OTHER MACROCYTIC ANEMIAS

This group includes (1) nutritional macrocytic anemia (2) megaloblastic anemia of infancy and (3) megaloblastic anemias secondary to disease of or operative procedures on the gastrointestinal tract.

Treatment.

- A Specific Measures Give folic acid, crude liver extract or vitamin B<sub>12</sub> if appropriate (see page 226)
- B General Measures Provide an adequate high protein high vitamin diet

**APLASTIC ANEMIA (code No 501.900.0)**

An acute or sometimes chronic disease of the hemopoietic system characterized by an altered production of red blood cells resulting from a depression or exhaustion of the bone marrow. The condition may be secondary to known marrow poisoning but also occur in the primary or idiopathic form.

Diagnosis

- A History of exposure to marrow toxins (e.g. chemicals, certain drugs, and radiation) is often obtained. Aplastic anemia is a persistent progressive anemia which like certain other anemias fails to respond to either iron or diet therapy. Other causes of anemia cannot be demonstrated. Bleeding tendency is common.
- B Laboratory Findings
- 1 Anemia is usually normochromic normocytic.
  - 2 Bone marrow often (not invariably) shows aplasia with fatty and fibrous replacement.
  - 3 Leukopenia and thrombocytopenia are usually marked.

Treatment

- A Specific Measures None are known.
- B General Measures
- 1 Transfusions. Repeat transfusion with carefully typed and cross matched whole blood may prolong life in certain periods. Rarely patients who require direct exchange of blood transfusions may go into spontaneous remission for a variable time.
  - 2 Discontinue all unnecessary medication.
  - 3 Remove patient from exposure to suspected toxin.
  - 4 Diet. Provide diet with adequate calories, vitamins and minerals.
  - 5 Liver, liver and vitamin therapy. These preparations should be given an adequate trial although therapy of idiopathic idiopathic aplastic anemia.

**HEMOLYTIC ANEMIAS**Classification (Modified after Dameshek)

- A Hereditary Defect in Red Blood Cells shows an apparent morphological defect with an inherent susceptibility or predisposition to hemolytic reactions.
- 1 Spherocytosis (familial) anemia (no racial incidence) (common hereditary hemolyticicterus code No 513.092)
  - 2 Target cell (Cooley) anemia (Mediterranean group) (familial erythroblastic anemia code No 501.997)

3 Sickle cell anemia (Negro race) (code No 513 8x4)

B Acquired Defect (Acquired Hemolytic Icterus) code No 513 911 9) Red blood cells are originally morphologically normal. Etiology includes the following:

- |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Infections bacterial and protozoal | 4 Immune hemolysins                             |
| 2 Toxins venoms drugs and chemicals  | 5 Agglutinins                                   |
| 3 Physical agents                    | 6 Abnormal splenic mechanisms hypersplenism etc |
|                                      | 7 Certain ovarian cysts                         |

C Unknown Defect (code No 513 900 9)

### Diagnosis

#### A History

- 1 Familial or racial hemolytic tendencies (hereditary)
- 2 Exposure to infections toxins agglutinins (acquired)
- 3 Symptoms of anemia (weakness dizziness palpitation and dyspnea) and hemolysis (fever chills abdominal pain and muscle cramps)
- 4 The acute hemolytic crisis is characterized by sudden onset of fever anemia icterus splenomegaly with tenderness and shock

B Physical Examination Pallor icterus tachycardia and fever may be present in all types. Splenomegaly and hepatomegaly occur in the acquired and familial types.

#### C Laboratory Findings

- 1 Increased blood destruction gives rise to
  - a Normocytic anemia
  - b Bilirubinemia
  - c Hemoglobinuria (see table on page 230)
  - d Increased fecal and urinary urobilinogen (urine dark)
- 2 Morphologic r b c defects Spherocytes target cells or sickle cells (see classification above)
- 3 Altered fragility of r b c (always present in hereditary types)
- 4 Increased blood formation is evidenced by bone marrow hyperplasia and presence of immature erythrocytes etc
- 5 Leukopenia sometimes is present in the acquired form

### Treatment of Acute Hemolytic Anemia (Hemolytic Crisis)

Patient must be treated at once. Hospitalize whenever possible.

#### A Severe Form

- 1 Treat shock (see page 32) and acute anemia. Careful observation of clinical progress is essential.
- 2 Whole blood transfusions. Blood must be carefully typed (major group and Rh type) and cross matched both at room and body temperatures. Severe reactions may occur even with careful cross matching. Sturgis recommends a cautious preliminary administration of 50 cc of suitable blood followed by an observation period of 1 hour. If no reaction occurs the remainder of the blood may be given over a 2 to 3 hour period.
- 3 Plasma. If patient cannot tolerate whole blood transfusions (because of hemolysis of injected red cells) plasma transfusions should be administered when necessary to combat shock.

- 4 Specific causes should be treated when known
  - a Infections Employ specific anti-infective and supportive measures ( + p ges 496 to 514)
  - b Discontinue drugs or remove from contact with poisons or other hemolysins
- 5 Corticotrophin (ACTH) and cortisone may produce striking remissions of the hemolytic reaction and at least temporarily tide the patient over until such time that other more specific measures can be safely instituted. For dosage of ACTH and cortisone see pag 423
- 6 Splenectomy After shock and fever have subsided and patient's general physical status has improved sufficiently consider if early splenectomy. If hemolytic shock is progressive despite vigorous supportive measures (up to 3 to 4 500 cc transfusions) in young splenectomized may be indicated. When the cause is unknown and reaction has been severe consider for splenectomy after patient has recovered from the hemolytic crisis. Splenectomy is not generally as successful in the acquired form as it is in the familial type and is generally without benefit in sickle cell and familial erythroblastosis anemias
- B Mild Form If the hemolytic reaction is mild only treatment with anti-infective agents and corticotrophin or cortisone may be necessary. In the familial type even though the patient is asymptomatic splenectomy may be advisable

#### Treatment of Chronic Phase

- A Intract patient is a old strenuous recalcitrant infections exposure to temperature extremes and ingestion or contact with drugs or toxins
- B Splenectomy If patient fails to improve on conservatively therapy consider splenectomy (see above). When abnormal antibodies (iso and auto antibodies) represent the condition isle is often amenable to splenectomy
- C Cobalt chloride 200 mg orally daily has been reported to bring about improvement in the chronic phase of sickle cell and Mediterranean anemias

## HEMOGLOBINURIAS

Diagnosis (See table on the following page)

#### Treatment

- A Specific Measures Remove or treat causative factors
  - 1 Primary malod hemoglobinuria Treat stage of myphilia present (see pag 440)
  - 2 Fvism. Prohibiting action of fava beans
- B Symptomatic and Supportive Measures
  - 1 Hemolytic symptoms
    - a Treat acute hemolytic reaction ( + p g 225)
    - b Treat fever, chills and muscular aches and pains symptomatic ally
  - 2 Anemia symptoms Treat anemia according to type severity



## DIAGNOSIS OF HEMOGLOBINURIAS

| Disease  | Precipitated By         | Positive Laboratory Tests                          |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| Paroxysmal cold hemoglobinuria<br>(code No 510 500)      | Chilling or cold        | Blood test for syphilis<br>Donath Landsteiner test |
| Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria<br>(code No 510 500) | ?                       | Acid hemolysis test<br>Hemosiderinuria test        |
| Favism<br>(code No 010 3761)                             | Ingestion of fava beans | None   |
| March hemoglobinuria<br>(code No 510 500)                | Exercise                | None   |

Prophylaxis

- A Paroxysmal Cold Hemoglobinuria Protect against chilling or cold
- B March Hemoglobinuria Avoid strenuous exercise

## POLYCYTHEMIA VERA (ERYTHREMIA) (code No 501 792)

A chronic disease of the hemopoietic system of unknown etiology characterized by overactivity (erythroblastic) of the bone marrow with resultant overproduction of red cells and hemoglobin. It is manifested by a reddish purple hue to the skin, increased blood volume, capillary engorgement, hemorrhages, venous thrombosis, arterial hypertension, hepatomegaly and splenomegaly, and symptoms referable to multiple organ systems. It is to be differentiated from the polycythemias that may occur secondarily to known physiological stresses which also cause increased bone marrow activity.

Treatment

- A Definitive Measures To reduce the total red blood cell volume
- 1 Venesection (phlebotomy)
    - a Utilize careful blood hematocrit determination in following efficacy of treatment
    - b Remove 500 cc of blood daily until the blood hematocrit reaches a normal level. Subsequently 500 cc phlebotomies every 2-3 or more months may be sufficient to control mild cases
  - 2 Irradiation inhibition of red cell formation
    - a Radioactive phosphorus ( $P^{32}$ ) This is the most effective anti polycythemic agent available at present. Its use is restricted to institutions equipped to handle radioactive material. It is indicated in patients in which the polycythemia cannot be controlled readily by venesection alone and especially in patients with a history of thrombotic or thrombophlebitic episodes. 4-6 millicuries of  $P^{32}$  (as a phosphate salt) in 2-6 cc of isotonic ( $1/2$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  dr) sodium phosphate solution are given I.V. If the polycythemia is not controlled following a single I.V. injection, subsequent injections of 3-8 millicuries are given at intervals

of 2 months until the disease is brought under control  
 b X ray irradiation Whole body or spray irradiation may be of benefit when given in repeated dosages. Irradiation of the long bones has proved to be less satisfactory than whole body irradiation in controlling the disease.

### 3 Anti polycythemic drugs

- a Phenylhydrazine hydrochloride or acetylphenylhydrazine  
 Follow patient carefully clinically and with blood studies during and after therapy. These compounds are most safely used if they are administered as maintenance therapy after the hematocrit has been restored to normal by repeated venesections. Give 0.1 to 0.3 Gm (1½ to 5 gr) by mouth weekly as a maintenance dose. The use of phenylhydrazine to lower an elevated erythrocyte count, omitting the use of venesection to establish a normal blood and hematocrit level is a hazardous procedure. An occasional case and omitting the principal disadvantages of phenylhydrazine therapy.  
 b Triethylenemine (TEM) has been employed but experience has been limited.

### B General Measures

- 1 Provide symptomatic relief as needed.
- 2 Diet: The diet should be adequate and nutritious. There is no rational starvation diet or diet excluding small amounts of blood building food.
- 3 Inform patient regarding the nature of his disease.

C Treatment of Complications: Varies with the status of the polycythemia and the relation of complications to the therapy as well as with the nature and site of the complication. Thrombosis and hemorrhage are common complications.

## ACUTE AGRANULOCYTOSIS (code No 502.7911) (Agranulocytic Angina)

Acute and if untreated usually fatal illness of adult characterized by extreme granulocytopenia which is followed by a fulminating sepsis associated with ulceration of skin and mucous membranes. It is known to be caused by certain drugs and chemicals but in some times of unknown origin.

### Differential

#### A History of Medication with Certain Drugs

|              |                |                     |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Sulfonamide  | Bismuth        | Nitrogen mustard    |
| Aminopyrine  | Thiourea and   | Borbiturates (?) or |
| Atenolol     | lead compounds | Alpridin (?) or     |
| Cinchophen   | Gold and other | Tridione®           |
| Nocinchophen | heparin        |                     |

B Physical Examination: Sudden onset of sepsis and fever with inflammation and ulceration of mucous membranes of throat and lips frequently of other areas and of the skin and regional nodes.

#### C Laboratory Findings

- 1 Leukopenia and granulocytopenia

## DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF THE LEUKEMIAS AND RELATED DISORDERS

| Disease   | Duration                    | Spleno<br>megaly | Hepato<br>megaly | Lymph<br>nodes | WBC                                     |   | Bone Marrow  |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|---|---|--|
|   |                             |                  |                  |                | Total Count<br>(usual range)            | Differential                                    |  |
| 1 Chronic granulocytic leukemia<br>(code No 502 792)          | 36 mos<br>(8 mos to 16 yrs) | +++              | ++               | ±              | 20 000<br>500 000                       | Immature<br>myeloid cells                       | Myeloid infiltration   |
| 2 Chronic lymphocytic leukemia<br>(code No 503 792)           | 42 mos<br>(8 mos to 8 yrs)  | ++               | +                | ++             | 30 000<br>100 000                       | Immature<br>lymphoid cells                      | Lymphocytic infiltration   |
| 3 Chronic monocytic leukemia<br>(code No 506 792)             |                             | ±                | ±                |                | 25 000<br>100 000<br>(2 000<br>500 000) | Immature<br>monocytic<br>cells                  | Monocytic infiltration   |
| 4 Acute leukemia<br>(code No 50 7921)                         | 8 wks<br>(2 wks to 6 mos)   | ±                | ±                | ±              | 15 000<br>30 000<br>(2 000<br>100 000)  | Blast cells<br>(often undifferentiated)         | Leukemic infiltration<br>Blast cells may be difficult to differentiate |
| 5 Aleukemic myeloid<br>(code No 502 7923)                     |                             | +                | ±                | ±              | 4 000<br>(1 000<br>5 000)               | Immature<br>cells (few)                         | Leukemic infiltration<br>(not always)                                  |
| 6 Agnogenic myeloid metaplasia of spleen<br>(code No 520 958) | 11 yrs                      | +                | ±                | ±              | 20 000<br>50 000                        | Immature<br>myeloid cells<br>Nucleated<br>R b c | Normal aplastic or hyperplastic marrow                                 |

Not The anemia associated with the leukemias is usually normocytic and may vary from mild to severe. The platelets are usually increased in chronic granulocytic leukemia but may be decreased in all other leukemias. Platelets are usually decreased in

- (2) Parenteral administration of leucovorin (synthetic Leuconostoc citrovorum factor) in a ratio of leucovorin to antagonist of 1:1:10:1
  - (3) Erythrocyte transfusion - Spaced at intervals to maintain RBC at 2.5-3.0 million/cu mm
  - (4) Antibiotics - If infection develops (use appropriate antibiotic) after causative organism has been isolated and sensitivity tests performed
2. Purine antagonists - The antagonists only recently introduced are still in an investigational stage of development but in general they appear to be less toxic than the folic acid antagonist

a. Agents available for use

- (1) 6-mercaptopurine (Purinethol® 6-MP)
- (2) 6-thioguanine
- (3) 6-Diazoacetyl-L-lysine (azaserine)

b. Indications for use - Acute leukemia, especially in adults. An initial remission rate of approximately 55% has been reported in adults and 50% in children following treatment with 6-mercaptopurine. The status of thioguanine and azaserine remains undetermined at present.

c. Dosage and procedure

- (1) 6-mercaptopurine (6-MP) - 2.5-4.0 mg/Kg body weight/day
- (2) Thioguanine - 2.5 mg/Kg body weight/day
- (3) Azaserine - 2.0 mg/Kg body weight/day

These compounds are administered orally in a single dose or in a divided dose twice daily. The range between the therapeutic and the toxic dose is wider than it is with the folic acid antagonists and hence purine antagonists appear to be somewhat easier to use. 6-mercaptopurine is the drug of choice for initial therapy. It is administered daily regardless of the development of pronounced degrees of leukopenia and neutropenia or pancytopenia until blast (stem) cell polymorphocytes, progranulocytes or promonocytes virtually disappear from the bone marrow or until toxic symptoms develop (see below). Treatment then is discontinued and the patient is watched closely. If complete clinical and hematological remission occurs, no further treatment is given until relapse occurs. If no remission or an incomplete remission is obtained, the patient is placed on maintenance therapy (usually less than 2.5 mg/Kg body weight/day). In cases in which relapse is due to 6-mercaptopurine, response to developing favorable response sometimes can be obtained by giving thioguanine or azaserine in combination with 6-MP.

The effectiveness of purine antagonists depends upon the observation of the patient and on serial blood and bone marrow examinations. The bone marrow rather than the peripheral blood is employed as the principal therapeutic guide. During the stage of drug-induced bone marrow suppression, properly spaced blood transfusions must be given as a supportive measure.

d. Toxicity - Toxic manifestations of mild degree are characterized by anorexia and nausea frequently observed

treatment are markedly enlarged lymph nodes especially if causing pressure symptoms anemia due to bone marrow infiltration or extensive leukemic infiltration of viscera skin etc

(1) Triethylene melamine (TEM) dispensed in 1 mg ( $\frac{1}{80}$  gr) and 5 mg ( $\frac{1}{12}$  gr) tablets for oral use. This relatively new drug appears to be the agent of choice because of its pronounced destructive effect on the mature lymphocyte *Use with caution* especially if the leukocyte count is below 50 000 cells per cu mm. If the leukocyte count is in excess of 50 000 cells per cu mm give 5 mg ( $\frac{1}{12}$  gr) of TEM together with 2 Gm (30 gr) of sodium bicarbonate orally 1 hour before breakfast (Sodium bicarbonate prevents reaction of TEM with substances in the gastrointestinal tract and permits absorption of the entire dose). On the following day give 2.5 mg ( $\frac{1}{25}$  gr) of TEM plus 1 Gm (15 gr) of sodium bicarbonate 1 hour before breakfast. Then wait 1 week and check blood counts. Repeat the administration of TEM at weekly intervals reducing the weekly dose to 5 mg ( $\frac{1}{12}$  gr) when the leukocyte count falls below 50 000 cells per cu mm and to 2 to 3 mg as the leukocyte count approaches normal. When normal leukocyte values have been attained discontinue TEM therapy. Remission may last from 6 to 24 months. However during remission blood examinations should be made at intervals of 1 or 2 months.

If the initial leukocyte count is above normal but below 50 000 cells per cu mm give 5 mg ( $\frac{1}{12}$  gr) of TEM or less together with sodium bicarbonate once each week until the desired result is obtained.

(2) Nitrogen mustard ( $\text{HN}_2$ ) Remissions obtained with nitrogen mustard in chronic lymphocytic leukemia usually are shorter than those obtained with TEM and therefore TEM is preferred to nitrogen mustard therapy. For details of administration of nitrogen mustard see page 241.

b Chronic granulocytic leukemia In contrast to chronic lymphocytic leukemia chronic granulocytic leukemia always should be treated at the time the disease is first discovered. Agents available for treatment are listed in order of preference.

(1) Triethylene melamine (TEM) This agent is quite effective in controlling chronic granulocytic leukemia for long periods of time. It has the advantage of giving remissions lasting from 3 to 10 months but due to the large doses employed it has the disadvantage of causing nausea and vomiting (sometimes severe) in some patients for several hours after administration. However nausea and vomiting may be minimized by administering 25 to 75 mg ( $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  gr) of chlorpromazine (Thorazine®) before and at 3 hour intervals after the administration of TEM. It is important to remember that the dosage schedule for TEM in chronic

granulocytic leukemia is significantly higher and therefore quite different from that used in chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

If the leukocyte count is in excess of 50,000 cells per cu mm, give 10 mg ( $\frac{1}{8}$  gr) of TEM and 2.4 Gm (30.60 g) of sodium bicarbonate orally 1 hour before breakfast. On the following day give 5 mg ( $\frac{1}{12}$  gr) of TEM and 2 Gm (30 gr) of sodium bicarbonate 1 hour before breakfast. Repeat the above procedure at weekly intervals after first preliminary blood counts. Reduce weekly dose of TEM when the leukocyte count falls below 50,000 cells per cu mm and discontinue therapy when leukocyte value approaches normal.

If the initial leukocyte count is below 50,000 cells per cu mm, start with 10 mg ( $\frac{1}{8}$  gr) of TEM weekly. If the response to the 10 mg ( $\frac{1}{8}$  gr) dose is unsatisfactory, give 12.5-15 mg ( $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) doses of TEM each week.

- (2) Myeleran (GT 41) dispensed in 2 mg ( $\frac{1}{50}$  gr) tablets for oral use. Utilize only in patients having chronic granulocytic leukemia with high leukocyte count. Do not use in patients with normal or subnormal leukocyte counts. Give 4-8 mg ( $\frac{1}{15}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$  gr) daily by mouth until maximum hematologic improvement is achieved, preliminary blood counts very severe and on third day. Thrombocytopenia of serious degree may develop on daily oral doses of 10 mg ( $\frac{1}{5}$  g) or more. When the leukocyte count has returned to a normal level, place the patient on a maintenance dose of 2-4 mg ( $\frac{1}{50}$ - $\frac{1}{15}$  gr) daily. Myeleran is ineffective in acute leukemia and in chronic lymphocytic leukemia.
- (3) 8-methylpropurine (8-MP) dispensed in 50 mg ( $\frac{3}{4}$  gr) tablets for oral use. Give 3-5 mg ( $\frac{1}{20}$ - $\frac{1}{12}$  gr) /Kg/day in a single or equally divided dose by mouth until the leukocyte count approaches normal. Maintenance therapy (2-5 mg /Kg/day or slightly less) then is required to control the disease. 8-MP is ineffective in chronic lymphocytic leukemia.
- (4) Urthane® (ethyl carbamate) dispensed in 0.5 Gm (7½ gr) plain or enteric-coated tablets for oral use. This compound will control chronic granulocytic leukemia for a relatively long period of time but it has the disadvantage of causing nausea and anorexia in a high proportion of patients and vomiting in a few. Give 0.5-1.0 Gm (7½-15 gr) tid until leukocyte count returns to normal, then place on maintenance therapy giving the smallest amount necessary to keep the leukocyte count at or near normal levels.
- (5) Fowl solution (potassium arsenite solution) may be of value when radiation therapy is contraindicated or unavailable.

For the technique of administration begins with an initial dose of 0.3 cc (5 gtt or 5 min) tid orally for 2 days. This dose is increased by 0.05 cc (1 gtt or 1 min) every other day until a dose of 0.8 cc (10

gtt or 10 min) t i d is reached. Further increase of dose 0.05 cc (1 gtt or 1 min) daily until toxic symptoms occur (anorexia, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea) or the leukocyte count approaches normal. Discontinue the drug for 2-5 days and then decrease the maximum dose by 0.05 cc (1 gtt or 1 min) daily until a maintenance level of 0.3-0.5 cc (5 gtt or 5 min to 8 gtt or 8 min) t i d is reached. This dose is continued indefinitely, keeping the patient under careful observation.

(6) Nitrogen mustard ( $\text{HN}_2$ ) May produce full clinical remissions in certain early and moderately advanced cases of chronic granulocytic leukemia. These are similar to x-ray response but are of shorter duration. Nitrogen mustard is not recommended for acute leukemias (see page 241).

#### B. Treatment of Certain Hematologic Abnormalities

1. Anemia Determine whether or not the anemia is myelophthitic or hemolytic.

a. Myelophthitic Treat with the appropriate anti-leukemic chemotherapeutic agent. Adequate nutrition including supplementary vitamins is important but the administration of iron salts is of no value. Periodic transfusions of whole blood may be necessary until the desired chemotherapeutic result has been attained.

b. Hemolytic Treat with cortisone or ACTH (see treatment of acquired hemolytic anemia, page 228). If the hemolytic anemia of chronic leukemia cannot be controlled by hormone therapy, splenectomy may be necessary.

2. Bleeding tendencies Purpuric and hemorrhagic phenomena are often due to the associated thrombocytopenia. Transfusions of fresh whole blood are indicated. Toluvidine blue is reported to be of value.

3. Hemolytic crises See page 228.

#### C. Other Symptomatic Measures

1. Treatment of pruritus See page 67.

2. Treatment of ulcerative stomatitis See page 261.

### LYMPHOMAS (code No. 820) and LYMPHOSARCOMAS (code No. 821)

A large, ill-defined group of diseases characterized by progressive proliferation of the hematopoietic tissues and manifested by variable involvement of lymph nodes, spleen, bone marrow, liver and other reticuloendothelial structures, together with constitutional symptoms of fever, weight loss, hemorrhagic tendencies and anemia. The exact interrelationships of these diseases are not known; therefore, all classifications remain arbitrary and controversial. Clinical types are often indefinite and may merge into one another.

#### Treatment

Certain general principles of management may apply to these diseases as a group.

- A General Measures Measure directed toward maintaining optimum general health should be carried out but they seldom influence the course of the disease per se
- B Radiation and Drugs The effects of radiation and chemotherapy, each a potent drug, may be palliative or arresting but are seldom if ever curative. The susceptibility to a specific therapeutic agent and the duration of effectiveness (for both palliation and arrest) will vary not only with each disease but also with the stage of the disease previously seen and from patient to patient. The table on page 238 outlines the response of the various hematopoietic disorders to radiation and chemotherapy.

Although clinical experience has shown that certain of these conditions are more amenable to therapy than others, final evaluation must rest upon a trial of therapy.

### HODGKIN'S DISEASE (code No. 550.954)

A progressive and invariably fatal reticuloendothelial granulomatous (lymphomatous?) disease of unknown etiology involving the lymphoid tissues of the body. It is manifested by progressive enlargement of lymph node, spleen and other lymphoid structures and constitutional symptoms of fever, weight loss and anemia. The lesion can involve any and all tissues; therefore the manifestations are protean. Several clinical and pathological types are recognized, ranging from usually more benign forms (prolymphoma) with a survival time of 3 or more years to a rapidly fatal form (sarcoma) with a survival time of less than 1 year. The diagnosis arrived at on clinical grounds must be confirmed by biopsy to differentiate the condition from the broad infectious granulomas and from the other lymphomas.

#### Treatment

A Definitive Measures (No known specific therapy is available.)

- 1 Irradiation At present, local or total body x-irradiation probably is the palliative measure of choice. Clinical improvement is attributable to regression in the site of involved lymphatic structures and in no way represents a cure of the disease. The average survival time is probably unchanged, but the patient is made more comfortable. Unfortunately, it soon becomes progressively refractory after subsequent courses of ray therapy. Nitrogen mustard therapy should be tried on radio-resistant patients.
- 2 Combined radiation and nitrogen mustard therapy may occasionally achieve benefits unattainable by either method used alone.
- 3 Nitrogen mustard [methyl bis(2-chloroethyl)amine hydrochloride] ( $\text{HN}_2$ ) at present is the nitrogen mustard most commonly employed. The indications for its use are:
  - a Widely disseminated chronic granulomatous Hodgkin's disease that has become refractory to x-ray therapy.
  - b Chronic granulomatous Hodgkin's disease with visceral involvement (especially lung parenchyma).
  - c Hodgkin's sarcoma failing to respond satisfactorily to



## BLEEDING DISEASES SUMMARY OF DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

| Diagnosis                              | Diagnosis  | Diagnosis  | Diagnosis  | Treatment   |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| Primary Purpura                        | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Treatment: Platelet transfusion, fresh plasma, corticosteroids, splenectomy |
| Thrombocytopenic purpura               | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Treatment: Platelet transfusion, fresh plasma, corticosteroids, splenectomy |
| Disseminated intravascular coagulation | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Treatment: Heparin, fresh plasma, corticosteroids, splenectomy              |
| Factorial deficiencies                 | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Treatment: Replacement of deficient factor                                  |
| Vitamin deficiencies                   | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Treatment: Vitamin replacement  |
| Drugs                                  | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Treatment: Discontinuation of drug  |
| Systemic diseases                      | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Treatment: Treatment of underlying disease                                  |
| Other                                  | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Diagnosis: Platelet count low, bleeding time prolonged, clot retraction poor, thrombocytopenia | Treatment: Individualized   |

# Treatment

## A First Aid From First Aid that Aggravates Bleeding (To Antine)

- 1 Limit activities. Advise occupations sports or other activities which involve minimal physical hazards
- 2 Protect areas of body which are subject to injury
  - a Lubricate nostrils and other superficial bleeding sites with petroleum jelly to prevent drying and cracking of scabs
  - b Apply proper elastic bandages splints or casts to existing wounds to prevent further bleeding
  - c Bandage lower extremities carefully to supply support to surface blood vessels when indicated
- 3 Surgical procedure. Limit the number and extent of operative procedures to a minimum
  - a Consider need for elective surgery carefully
  - b Minimize trauma extent and duration of operative procedures
  - c Perform operative procedure in stages (e.g. extract one tooth or remove one toenail at a time)
  - d Prepare patient for surgical procedures by appropriate hemostatic techniques (e.g. preoperative fresh whole blood transfusion or vitamin K)
- 4 Correct intrinsic factors
  - a Treat cardiac failure or hypertension when present
  - b Correct symptoms of violent coughing sneezing, etc

## B Local Bleeding Must Be Treated Promptly

- 1 Bandaging and pressure dressings for hemostasis
- 2 Topical thrombin may be applied locally for hemostasis
- 3 Thromboplastin. Less effective than thrombin
- 4 Absorbable hemostatic dressing (Gelfoam® Oxycel® Fibrin foam®)
- 5 Electrical coagulation
- 6 Chemical irritation. Usually of value only for small bleeding sites e.g. epistaxis (see page 112). Use tri-chloroacetic acid ferric chloride tannic acid or chrome bead

## 7 Snake venom (Russell Viper) 1:10,000

## C General Management of Generalized Bleeding. Must be treated by measures which combat shock, control bleeding, and correct anemia.

- 1 Combat shock (see page 31). Fresh whole blood (not older than 3-4 hours) is preferred because of its hemostatic as well as its antishock and antianemic effects. Plasma may be used when whole blood is not available.
- 2 Control bleeding
  - a Blood and derivatives
    - (1) Fresh whole blood transfusions I.V. preferred. (see page 31 under Shock). The platelets present in refrigerated whole blood deteriorate largely within 12 hours although the plasma hemostatic factors may persist for much longer periods. Blood transfusion, carefully administered, should be considered as an emergency supportive measure in all forms of hemorrhage regardless of cause.
    - (2) Plasma transfusion. Transfusion of fresh or frozen plasma (not older than 10 days) provides prothrombin,

fibrinogen antihemophilic globulin and certain other factors which may be of value in controlling bleeding. There are no platelets in plasma.

- (3) Antihemophilic Globulin U S P (Cohn Fraction I) in average doses of 200 mg (sometimes up to 600 mg may be required) in 5-10 cc physiological saline causes a decrease in the spontaneous clotting time of the blood of hemophilic patients.

b. Vitamins

(1) Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) (See page 63)

(2) Vitamin K (menadione) (See page 60)

(3) Vitamin P and related compounds. Although experimentally this group of agents has been reported to be capable of increasing the capillary resistance in certain disease states in human beings, clinical studies have been generally discouraging. Two preparations available are:

(a) Rutin (N C A) 20-30 mg q i d

(b) Hesperidin Chalcone (N C A) 50 mg q i d

- c. Corticotropin (ACTH) and cortisone may produce striking remissions of the purpuric or hemorrhagic reaction (increased red cell count and platelets and decreased bleeding tendency) and at least tide the patient over until such time as other more specific measures (e.g. transfusions, surgery) can be safely instituted. Dosages of corticotropin of 25 mg I M q i d are generally employed in severe cases; larger doses may be indicated (see page 423).

- d. Antiheparin agents. In anaphylactoid shock, secondary thrombopenic purpura, irradiation reactions, nitrogen mustard therapy, leukemia, menorrhagia and in certain other conditions, heparin or a heparin-like substance is liberated in excess and appears to be responsible for a bleeding tendency (hyperheparinemia). This excess of heparin may at times be counteracted by the use of two agents: protamine sulfate or toluidine blue, which inactivate heparin by forming stable chemical complexes.

(1) Protamine sulfate 50 mg in 5 cc aqueous solution I M every 4-6 hours until petechiae cease to appear. 150 mg in 250-500 cc of 5% glucose or normal saline given slowly I V is often given at the time of the first I M injection. Protamine titrations (see J A M A 139:1251, 1949) may provide an index as to efficacy of treatment.

(2) Toluidine blue 6-8 mg/Kg body weight dissolved in normal saline given slowly I V (over a 2-hour period) daily for 3 days and followed by 2-4 mg/Kg for 3 additional days. In preparation of the dye solution it must be passed through a Seltz filter for sterilization and removal of larger dye particles. Transient nausea and vomiting, bluish tint to skin and blue coloration of urine and feces may be encountered.

- e. Splenectomy. Removal of the spleen may be indicated in selected cases of primary thrombocytopenic purpura and in cases of secondary thrombocytopenia due to certain

splenic disease (hypersplism). Demonstration of megakaryocytic activity by the bone marrow is essential to the proper evaluation of the individual. Splenectomy is advised only in the hypersplenic form of thrombocytopenic purpura (primary or secondary like Gaucher's, Banti's and granulomatous diseases of the spleen) but the operation may be indicated in every selected case of bone marrow megakaryocytic dysfunction. The decision as to whether splenectomy should be made by a trained hematologist.

### Rh FACTOR

(Reaction due to Blood Transfusion code No. 010 38x)

When blood containing the Rh factor (from Rh positive donor) is introduced into a person without the factor (Rh negative) the Rh factor acts as an antigen and agglutinin may develop against it (anti Rh agglutinins). After the agglutinins have developed Rh positive blood from donor is no longer suitable for transfusion purposes since agglutination and hemolysis of the donor cells is likely to occur. The severity of the transfusion reaction (as with any group reaction) may vary considerably. Rh sensitization is altogether to be avoided by multiple pregnancies in Rh negative women with Rh positive husband.

#### Prevention

##### A General Rules

- 1 All blood for transfusion should be Rh typed in addition to conventional blood group typing and then checked with recipient's blood.
- 2 Rh positive individual may safely receive blood only from Rh positive donors.
- 3 Rh negative individuals may safely receive blood only from Rh negative donors.

##### B Specific Rules Never give Rh positive blood to any of the following

- 1 Rh negative individuals who have had previous transfusions
- 2 Rh negative women who have had multiple pregnancies by Rh positive husbands
- 3 Rh negative pregnant women
- 4 Infant with erythroblastosis

#### Treatment

See under transfusion reactions on page 249

### BLOOD TRANSFUSION

#### Physiological Reaction

Blood is given in order to

- 1 Increase circulating fluid volume
- 2 Increase oxygen carrying capacity of blood
- 3 Increase important concentration
- 4 Increase coagulability of blood
- 5 Increase immune bodies

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### Contraindications

Transfusions must be given carefully in cases of acute pulmonary edema cardiac failure nephritis and pulmonary embolism or infarction

### Preparation for Blood Transfusions

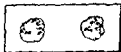
#### A Typing and Cross matching

- 1 Determine blood type of recipient Use known typing sera Anti A Blood Grouping Serum U S P (or serum from Type B blood) and Anti B Blood Grouping Serum U S P (or serum from Type A blood) Blood type may be determined according to chart below

| Recipient's r b c |                 | Recipient's Type |      |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------|
| Anti B Serum      | Anti A Serum    | Landstein r      | Moss |
| + Agglutination   | + Agglutination | AB               | I    |
| 0 Agglutination   | + Agglutination | A                | II   |
| + Agglutination   | 0 Agglutination | B                | III  |
| 0 Agglutination   | 0 Agglutination | O                | IV   |

- 2 Donor should always be of the same blood type as recipient Cross match as indicated below In emergency situations Type O (Moss IV) blood (universal donor) may be administered to any type Type AB individuals may receive blood of any type (universal recipient)
- 3 Always perform direct compatibility test between donor and recipient blood before each transfusion even if the blood came from a previously compatible donor This is done by mixing recipient's cells (RC) and donor's serum (DS) on one side of a glass slide and donor's cells (DC) and recipient's serum (RS) on the other side

Donors cells  
+  
Recipients  
serum



Recipients  
cells  
+  
Donors  
serum

The slide is rocked back and forth for 5 minutes and examined with the low power microscope If there is any agglutination or suggestion of hemolysis a new donor must be found

- 4 Whenever possible determine the Rh of the recipient Rh negative recipients should receive only Rh negative blood Rh positive recipients may receive Rh positive or Rh negative blood in emergencies when no compatible Rh positive blood is available

#### B Diseases Which May Be Transmitted By Blood Transfusion

- 1 Syphilis Donor should always have a serological test for syphilis
- 2 Malaria and hepatitis Blood from a person with a history of malaria or infectious or homologous serum hepatitis should not be used

Technique of Blood Transfusion

There are two methods for administration of blood (1) Indirect transfusion using modified blood (blood to which anticoagulants have been added and (2) direct transfusion (blood transfused directly by vein without addition of any substance). The first method is now used almost exclusively.

A Indirect Transfusion Using Modified Blood Citrate is used most frequently as the anti-coagulant

- 1 Collection of blood. A specially prepared vacuum flask that contains 50 cc (1 2/3 oz) of 2.3% sodium citrate is commonly used to collect 500 cc (1 pt) of blood. The collection apparatus is equipped with a valve that allows the amount of suction to be regulated. This is the technic used in most blood banks.
- 2 Administration. If the blood is taken fresh it may be administered directly from the vacuum flask. A peripheral trap that contains a fine mesh filter and a drip measure is inserted into the flask. However, since blood often contains small clots that tend to block the filter, a flask with opening at top and bottom is used as the reservoir for the transfusion.
  - a About 250 cc (1 1/2 pt) of a line is placed in the bottom of the flask and the tubing is filled with saline leaving about 100 cc (3 oz) of line in the flask. Clear all air from the tubing.
  - b The blood is then passed through a funnel lined with sterile 4 thicknesses of sterile washed surgical gauze.
  - c The blood is then administered as an intravenous infusion as soon as the filtering is completed.

B Direct Transfusion This technique uses an apparatus consisting of a large syringe and a smooth working 3 way stopcock. The blood is drawn into the syringe from the donor through stopcock turned and the blood injected immediately into recipient.

Precautions in Administration

- A Always administer alkali (5 Gm or 75 gr sodium bicarbonate) orally or 250 cc (1/2 pt) M/s sodium lactate before beginning transfusion. Prophylaxis for hemolytic reaction.
- B Never warm blood before administration.
- C A rate rate is 40 to 50 drops per minute or 150 cc (3 oz) per hour. Can be given at maximum rate of 1 cc (15  $\mu$ ) per second.
- D In cases with myocardial insufficiency give about 1 cc (15  $\mu$ ) per minute (12-15 drops per minute). Never give over 75 cc (1 1/2 oz) in 1 hour except in treatment of shock.

**COMPLICATIONS OF TRANSFUSION**Transfusion Reaction

Transfusion should be stopped immediately if patient complains of chills, generalized tingling sensation, severe anxiety, precordial oppression, pain in back of neck, thorax and lumbar area or sense of fullness of the head.

- A Hemolytic Reaction. Most severe of all and may be fatal. Symptoms mentioned above usually appear during the transfusion.

or immediately afterward. Hemolytic reactions are almost always caused by incompatibility of blood.

**B Allergic Reactions** Usually occur following transfusion.

- 1 Mild form: Urticaria, angioneurotic edema, and eosinophilia.
- 2 More severe form: Difficulty of breathing, asthmatic attacks, fatal anaphylaxis may occur.

**C Chemical Reactions (Pyrogens)** Most common reaction. Reaction usually occurs 15 minutes to 1 hour after transfusion. Characterized by chills or rigor followed by fever.

Treatment of Transfusion Reactions

**A Hemolytic Reactions**

- 1 Rationale: To attempt to prevent the precipitation of acid hematin in the renal tubules. Therefore, alkalization of urine and forcing of fluids is important.
- 2 Definitive measures:
  - a Give 10 Gm (150 gr) sodium bicarbonate orally at once and every 4 hours. If patient is unable to hold 10-20 Gm (150-300 gr) sodium bicarbonate (specially prepared - see page 24) in 100 cc of distilled water I.V. or 500-1000 cc (1-2 pt) of M/6 sodium lactate I.V. Repeat the dose in 8 hours or sooner if the urine becomes acid.
  - b Collect all urines and examine for hemoglobin. Continue alkalization until no further hemoglobin is present.
  - c Supply fluids orally or by parenteral means to maintain urine volume of at least 1500 cc (1½ qt) per 24 hours as long as renal function is normal. (See acute renal failure page 303.)
  - d In severe or repeated hemolytic reactions where repeated transfusions may be necessary, corticotropin (ACTH) or cortisone is indicated (see page 423).

**B Allergic Reactions** Treat as a general allergic reaction.

- 1 Give 0.2-0.5 cc (3-8 min) of epinephrine (adrenaline) 1:1000 subcut at once.
- 2 If symptoms persist, may try antihistaminics (see page 66).

**C Chemical Reactions**

- 1 During chill, keep patient warm by adding blankets and hot water bottles. This is usually all that is required.
- 2 However, since the differential diagnosis from the allergic reaction is often impossible, give epinephrine (adrenaline) 1:1000 0.2-0.5 cc (3-8 min) subcut as soon as possible.

## Chapter 10

# DISEASES OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM

## NONSPECIFIC GASTROINTESTINAL SYMPTOMS

### HALITOSIS ( Bad Breath ) (code No 619)

Halitosis can result from many causes and treatment is directed at removal or correction of the

#### Treatment

A Correcting oral hygiene (see p 264)

B Treat the Disease

- 1 Chronic infections of the
- 2 Dental caries gum infections to illar infections etc
- 3 Systemic diseases and toxemia
- 4 Chronic pulmonary disease of the lung
- 5 Gastrointestinal disease of the GI tract
- 6 Neurological disorders where only the subjective complaint of bad breath is present

C Eliminate Oral Discomfort from the Diet

- 1 Grit and
- 2 Rich greasy foods if they are the known cause

### SOUR STOMACH (Pyrosis)

Relieve specifically. Consider partially digested food of lower esophageal sphincter biliary tract

#### Treatment

A Drug

- 1 Antacid. These drugs (see page 264) often effective in relieving sour stomach although it is not felt that the relief is obtained necessarily dependent upon the neutralization of the gastric hydrochloric acid
- 2 Sedatives. Antispasmodic medication (see page 266)

B Placidol. (See page 52)

### NAUSEA AND VOMITING

(Nausea code No 611) (Vomiting code No 614)

These symptoms may occur singly or concurrently and may be



due to a wide variety of psychic reflex or central causes

- A Psychic Causes These are variable and may have either a superficial or deep seated basis
- B Reflex Causes Disturbances of various gastrointestinal structures and other viscera are capable of exciting the vomiting center. Correction of this type of vomiting is therefore dependent upon removal or alteration of these reflex disturbances
  - 1 Irritation inflammation or mechanical disturbances at any level of gastrointestinal tract (from pharynx to rectum)
  - 2 Irritating impulses arising in any diseased viscera e.g. cholecystitis
  - 3 Disturbances of semi circular canals e.g. seasickness
  - 4 Toxic action of cardiac drugs e.g. digitalis
- C Central (Vomiting Center) Causes
  - 1 Central emetics Emetine apomorphine morphine
  - 2 Exogenous and endogenous toxins
  - 3 Increased intracranial pressure
  - 4 Cerebral hypoxia Cerebral anemia or hemorrhage

### Treatment.

- A Acute. Simple acute vomiting such as occurs following dietary indiscretion or as experienced in the morning sickness of early pregnancy may require little or no treatment. When necessary treatment consists of prescribing simple tolerated foods and occasionally mild sedative and antispasmodic drugs
- B Prolonged. Severe or prolonged nausea and vomiting requires careful medical management. Specific causes must be corrected or eliminated. The following general measures may be utilized as adjuncts to specific medical or surgical measures
  - 1 Fluids and nutrition Maintain hydration and nutrition. Withhold foods by mouth temporarily. Administer 5-10% glucose in saline or water I.V. in quantities sufficient to maintain adequate hydration. When oral feedings are resumed commence with dry foods in small quantities e.g. salted crackers Graham crackers etc. With morning sickness these foods may best be taken before arising. Later change to frequent small feedings of simple palatable foods. Hot beverages tea and clear broths and cold beverages iced tea and carbonated liquids (especially ginger ale) are tolerated quite early. Avoid all warm beverages. Always consider patient's food preferences
  - 2 Drugs
    - a Sedative antispasmodic drugs may be of value (see page 266)
    - b Ethyl aminobenzoate (benzocaine) 0.2 Gm (3 gr) with phenobarbital 20 mg ( $\frac{1}{3}$  gr) every 4-6 hours p.r.n.
    - c Chlorbutanol U.S.P. Chlorbutol B.P. 0.3 Gm (5 gr) every 4 hours as needed
    - d Chlorpromazine hydrochloride (Thorazine®) has been introduced recently for the control of nausea and vomiting due to a wide variety of causes. The drug is administered deeply I.M. in doses of 25-50 mg every 4 to 6 hours p.r.n. or orally in doses of 10-50 mg every 4 to 6 hours p.r.n. The effectiveness of the drug has not been completely established. Hepatic damage with jaundice has

been reported in a few instances. The drug is contraindicated in patients who are receiving large doses of CNS depressants.

### 3 Psychotherapy

- Isolation of patient is recommended. Hospitalization may be necessary. Visiting should be restricted.
- Avoid unpleasant psychic stimuli such as strange odors, foul smelling or foul tasting medication, emesis basins or other unattractive objects as well as foods which are improperly prepared or served.
- Place patient in a definite treatment program and let it be known that something is being done. Hard-boiled or brutal technique is to be avoided.
- Attempt to determine the psychodynamic causes of the nausea and vomiting but avoid aggressive psychotherapy during acute phase of the illness.

## HICCUP (Singultus) (code No. 671)

Hiccup although a common and usually benign symptom may be a manifestation of any one of many diseases. It is important to rule out a wide variety of possible causes such as CNS disorders, pulmonary diseases, disorders, gastrointestinal disorders, renal failure, infectious diseases and other diseases.

### Treatment

Treatment of the specific cause may suffice to clear hiccup. However, it is usually necessary to use certain specific measures to provide relief from this symptom. Countless measures have been suggested for breaking up the rhythmic spasm. All the treatment measures may fail and the symptom may be so prolonged and severe as to jeopardize the patient's life.

- Simpli Home Remedies These measures probably act by distracting the patient's attention thereby eliminating the irritating factors. fright, painful or unpleasant stimuli or of having patient perform apparently purposeless procedure (holding breath, sipping ice water, inhaling strong fumes, etc.).

### B Drug and Medication

- Sedation. Any of the following common sedatives may be effective. Give Phenobarbital Sodium USP Phenobarbital Sodium BP 0.1 Gm ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) orally or 0.13 Gm (2 gr) by rectal suppository.
- Anesthetic drug. Local anesthetic such as cocaine may be applied to the nasal mucous membrane or to the pharynx. General anesthesia may be tried in so-called intractable cases.
- Antispasmodic. Atropine sulfate 0.3 to 0.6 mg ( $\frac{1}{200}$  to  $\frac{1}{100}$  gr) may be given subcutaneously.
- Amyl nitrite inhalations may be effective.
- Carbon dioxide. Help patient breathe into a plain paper bag for 3 to 5 minutes or administer 10-15% CO<sub>2</sub> mixture by face mask for 3 to 5 minutes.
- Surgical Measures Various phrenic nerve operations including bilateral phrenicotomy may be indicated in certain extreme

cases which fail to respond to all other measures and which are considered to be a threat to life

### CONSTIPATION (code No 630)

*Eliminate specific causes of constipation first* Rule out colonic or rectal lesions hypometabolism or psychogenic causes Be especially suspicious when there are sudden changes in bowel habits without apparent cause Inadequate fluids and low residue diets may have a constipating effect The following commonly used drugs which the patient may be receiving for an unrelated illness may cause constipation bismuth salts calcium salts aluminum hydroxide gels (Amphojel®) aluminum phosphate gels (Phosphojel®) and iron salts

#### Treatment

##### A Correct Patient's Attitude Toward Elimination

- 1 A daily bowel movement is not essential to normal health or well being There is normally considerable individual variation in the frequency of bowel movements
- 2 So called auto intoxication theories are unfounded
- 3 Constipation particularly for short periods is seldom cause for alarm
- 4 Many symptoms (e g lack of 'pep') attributed to constipation have no such relationship
- 5 Periodic purgation serves no tonic purpose

##### B Re-establishment of Regular Evacuation

- 1 The gastro colic reflex should be utilized to optimal advantage by having patient set aside a regular daily period after a meal (preferably breakfast) for a bowel movement even when the urge to defecate is not present This is based physiologically on the primitive reflex wherein distention of the stomach by food sets off a reflex evacuation of the colon Explanation of the reflex evacuation as it occurs in infants after feedings appeals to many patients Emphasize the fact that this normal reflex is perverted or lost by personal habits or social customs
- 2 Sufficient time must be allotted to permit a leisurely performance of the act
  - a Patient may alter his daily schedule to permit more time for bowel movements
  - b Relaxation may be aided by reading a book etc while sitting on the toilet
- 3 Cathartics and enemata should *never* be employed without direct advice or supervision of a physician if patient expects seriously to correct his constipation since these measures interfere with the normal bowel reflexes For psychological reasons if not physiological it is sometimes inadvisable to discontinue such measures suddenly if patient has employed them for a prolonged period of time It may be better to compromise temporarily with intermediate measures of bland laxatives and mild enemata (see next page) Chronic cathartic and enemata addicts often defy all medical measures and their treatment is especially hopeless when

there a i s u derlying psychiatry dist b es

C Dit ing eral the dit m y be p of t bly modified to ati fy  
the f l i w i g r qui m t ( pag 52)

- 1 Ad qu t volume Oft n on t pation s merely du to  
in d qu t f od i take
- 2 Ad quat bulk or du Thi doe not n ssarily imply  
ro gh g ch es bra Smooth or bland food m y b  
pr f r d in pa ti const pation
- 3 V g t bl ritants U i as th is p cifi ont and t on  
(e g int le ) i wed or r w f its or getabl may  
be of v l i many e f chron c con tip tion spe ially  
the so c lled t i type
- 4 Ad quat fluids Th p ti t should be o g d to d ink  
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is vail ble in th int tinal tract f pas ge of i t t l  
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#### E M d i n n

- 1 Bland lax tives The e a ent t id be ex l ed  
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program or as a n nont e measure in lo g stur  
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the d d a a substitute f r a careful bowel trai  
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the n tipation in rows  
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- b Ag U S P B P w th min l oil 15 30 c (12 l  
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lipid pne monia, ven f m it r l  
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with D stros N N R (Met m il<sup>2</sup>) i 3 t p b i d i  
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of C scar S gr da B P 4 8 c (1 2 d ) h s y  
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- f M gne lum M gm U S I M t e of M gn i m  
Hyd ide B P (milk of magnesia) 15 30 c (L 1 os )  
h s ry ight
- g Sodi m Phosph te U S P B P (d od n phosphat )  
4 8 Gm (1 2 d ) in hot w t r before b eak t
- I Sedative s (Se page 33 )

- 7 Reflex from other viscera
- 8 Neurologic disease
- 9 Metabolic disease

Pelvic pathology (extrinsic to GI tract)  
 Tabes dorsalis  
 Hyperthyroidism

### Treatment

- A Eliminate the specific cause, whenever possible
- B Correct Physiological Changes Induced by Diarrhea In addition to necessity for control of intestinal hyperperistalsis it is essential that the following secondary or complicating features be treated
- 1 Fluid imbalance (dehydration) (see page 10)
  - 2 Mineral imbalance e g hypocalcemia (see page 380)
  - 3 Nutritional disturbances e g hypoproteinemia (see page 56) and deficiencies (see pages 58-64)
  - 4 Psychogenic disturbances e g fixation on GI tract or anxiety regarding sphincter mishaps in cases of long standing diarrhea

### C Diet

- 1 Non irritant foods Many clinicians feel that food should be withheld or that the intake during the first 24 hours should be restricted to liquid foods (See bacillary dysentery page 276 ) During the acute phase of enteritis the only foods which should be taken by mouth are the following very bland items water weak tea rice or barley gruel meat broth precooked cereals toasted bread or soda crackers with butter and soft cooked (not fried) eggs These foods are usually administered in about that same order as tolerated
- 2 Bland foods (never highly spiced or seasoned) These foods should be incorporated in the diets of patients convalescing from acute diarrhea or with chronic diarrhea They include in addition to the non irritant foods the following items cereals with milk or cream strained broths and soups bland cheeses fish fowl and meats (not fried) potatoes (not fried) breads milk products eggs and food beverages (not carbonated)
- 3 Avoid Vegetables and fruits (especially raw) fried foods bran whole grain cereals jams jellies preserves syrups and candies pickles relishes and spices coffee carbonated and alcoholic beverages
- 4 Supplementary vitamins The bland diet is a restricted diet and may further increase the vitamin deficiency induced by altered intestinal absorption Patients with chronic diarrhea should probably receive vitamins in dosages comparable to those used for chronic vitamin deficiency states Roughly this amount may vary from 4 to 10 times the normal maintenance dose (see page 56)

### D Anti diarrheal Agents

- 1 Bismuth preparations These may be used for either acute or chronic diarrhea
  - a Bismuth Subcarbonate U S P B P 1-2 Gm (15-30 gr ) after liquid bowel movements or q i d
  - b Milk of Bismuth N F (bismuth hydroxide and bismuth carbonate) 4 cc (1 tsp ) after liquid bowel movements or q i d

- c  $\mathcal{R}$  Bismuth subcarbonate 15 30 0 3ss i  
 Camphorated tincture of  
 opium (paregoric) q s ad 120 0 3i  
 Shake well

Sig 4 cc (1 t p) aft liquid bowel movements or q i d

- d Milk of bismuth and paregoric (equal amounts of each)  
 may be substituted for the above mixture using the same  
 dose

- e  $\mathcal{R}$  Belladonna extract 0 5 gr viies  
 Bismuth subcarbonate  
 Celium lactate  
 Kaolin 33 30 0 3i  
 Peppermint oil 2 drop gtt ii

Sig 4 (1 t p) t i d a c a d h s or after liquid  
 bowel movements p r n (modified after Boeckus)

- 2 Pectin kaolin compounds These are available and are useful  
 mixtures Dose 15 30 cc (1/2 1 oz) t i d a c and  
 h s or aft liquid bowel movements p r n
- 3 Albumin Tannate U S P This drug has been recommended  
 as an adjunct to other measures when diarrheas are profuse  
 Dose 2 Gm (30 gr) t i d a c and h s or after liquid  
 bowel movements p r n
- 4 Opiates Opiates must be avoided in chronic diarrhea and  
 are preferably avoided in acute diarrhea unless there is in-  
 tractable diarrhea vomiting and colic Always heed the  
 possibility of intestinal abdominal distention before ad-  
 ministering opiates
- a Camphorated Tincture of Opium U S P B P (paregoric)  
 4 8 cc (1 2 dr) after liquid bowel movements  
 p r n or prescribed in combination with bismuth (above)
- b Codeine Phosphate 15 65 mg (1/4 1 gr) subcut after  
 liquid bowel movements p r n
- 5 Strong opiates Morphine and Dilaudid® should be reserved  
 for selected patients with acute severe diarrhea who fail  
 to respond to more conservative measures
- a Morphine sulfate 3 15 mg (1/8 1/4 gr) subcut after  
 liquid bowel movements p r n This drug may produce  
 nausea and vomiting
- b Dilaudid® May be substituted for morphine if the unde-  
 sirable side effects of morphine are to be avoided.  
 Dose 2 3 mg (1/32 1/20 gr) i M aft liquid bowel move-  
 ments p r n
- 6 Antispasmodic and sedative drugs (see page 266) The anti-  
 spasmodic drugs particularly when used in combination with  
 the barbiturates exert a favorable and mild antiperistaltic  
 action It may be necessary at times to administer the var-  
 ious belladonna or belladonna like alkaloids to a point of  
 toxicity in order to achieve the desired effect Antipa-  
 spasmodic sedative drug may be considered the agents of choice  
 in the treatment of chronic diarrhea associated with anxiety  
 tension state
- 7 Digestant drugs Hydrochloric acid pepsin, and bil-  
 iresin at times give definite non-specific relief When the  
 indication is definite deficiency of the secretory apparatus  
 the effect is more striking (See appendix dia 1)

Treatment

There is no satisfactory treatment for carcinoma of the esophagus

- A Diet Soft or liquid food should be given as tolerated gastrostomy feedings may be given in selected cases
- B Surgical Removal This is reserved for the few who have no demonstrable metastases and are good surgical risks
- C Deep Radiation Therapy This may be employed in selected cases when surgery is not feasible
- D Morphine sulfate or other suitable analgesic agents should be administered as necessary for relief of chronic pain especially in terminal cases (see page 37)

## CARDIOSPASM (code No 641 )

Spasm of the lower end of the esophagus may be due to local or reflex causes. Dysphagia, epigastric pain and regurgitation of undigested foods are the most common findings. X rays reveal dilatation above the site of obstruction.

Treatment

- A Soft or liquid food as tolerated
- B Autonomic drugs have been employed with variable and non spectacular results. Large doses of parenteral antispasmodics are often ineffective. Recent experimental and clinical studies suggest that the sympatholytic agents may be effective (see page 266)
- C Mechanical dilatation of the cardia by graduated bougies may be necessary

## DISEASES OF THE STOMACH AND DUODENUM

## PEPTIC ULCER

(Gastric code No 640 951) (Duodenal code No 651 951)

An acute or chronic ulceration of any portion of the GI tract which may be exposed to the action of acid juices. Lesions may occur at any point in the lower esophagus, stomach, upper duodenum (most common), gastroenterostomy margins and in certain anomalous areas of the GI tract (e.g. Meckel's diverticulum). The ulceration may be simple or complicated by hemorrhage, perforation, scarring and obstruction or by malignancy.

Diagnosis

May be based upon

A History

- 1 Pain. Classically there is postprandial (1-2 hours) or fasting epigastric discomfort, burning or pain usually relieved by bland foods and/or alkalies.
- 2 Other symptoms: Nausea, vomiting, flatulence, distention, hematemesis and melena.

B Physical Findings Often local tenderness in the epigastrium

**C Laboratory Findings** There may be

1 Abundant or excessive free HCl in gastric juice both with and without histamine injection

2 Gross or occult blood in stools

**D X ray Evidence of Ulceration** Based upon films and fluoroscopy of GI series GI activity is usually indicated by presence of niche or irregularity of mucosal contour but sometimes evidence is indirect such as altered peristalsis pyloric spasm gastritis retention of persistent deformity Repeated GI series may be necessary to demonstrate active ulceration in certain cases

**E Gastroscopic demonstration of ulceration**

**Diagnostic Criteria**

A It is not desirable to make a diagnosis of peptic ulcer unless there has been x ray or gastroscopic evidence of ulcer

B In face of clear cut peptic ulcer history without laboratory confirmation it may be necessary at times to perform repeated GI series

C Malignant disease should be suspected when the following findings are present

- 1 Location The lesion is located in the stomach particularly if in the pyloric region high on the lesser curvature or on the greater curvature
- 2 Duration of symptoms is short (no previous symptoms)
- 3 Age of the patient is more than 40 years
- 4 Failure to respond The evidence is failure of medical and x ray response after not less than 3 and not more than 4 weeks of intensive medical therapy (see below)

**ACUTE PHASE**

**Treatment**

**A General Measures**

- 1 Rest (physical and mental) The patient should have 2 or 3 weeks rest from work if possible preferably in bed. If the home situation is unsatisfactory or unpleasant or if cooperation of the patient is unsatisfactory hospitalization is recommended. If patient's financial resources are limited it may be necessary for him to continue working treatment. In such a case it is essential that he be given careful instructions regarding the carrying out of the medical program under the given working conditions. When possible arrangements should be made for rest periods in reduced hours of sleep and for any other factors which need to be modified in the patient's home or working environment.
- 2 Orientation The patient should be advised as to the chronic recurrent nature as well as the potentiality of the disease. Do not emphasize cancer as a complication of the disease.
- 3 Psychotherapy Anxiety producing mechanism should be relieved where possible. It is not usually wise to institute active psychotherapy during the acute phase of the illness (see page 41).
- 4 Alcohol and tobacco must be avoided.



- 5 Avoidance of certain drugs [e g corticotropin (ACTH) and cortisone] Recrudescence of symptoms and even perforation and hemorrhage have been observed to occur in patients with peptic ulcer during the course of administration of corticotropin (ACTH) and cortisone This hazard should always be considered The mechanism is unknown

## B Diet

- 1 Sippy diets A wide variety of diets are available but the Sippy diets or modifications of these are probably the most effective (see page 52) The patient should learn the principles of his diet and should be taught to be careful of his diet for the remainder of his life Rich spicy hot and coarse particle foods should be excluded from the diet permanently Regularity of meals and proper mental attitude during meals should be emphasized as essential for successful results from diet The length of time the patient should remain on each phase of the diet will depend on numerous factors namely
  - a Severity of symptoms
  - b Treatment situation e g Sippy I diet does not meet the nutritional requirements of the hard laborer Additional food is essential.
  - c Intelligence and cooperativeness of the patient
  - d Response to treatment
- 2 Avoid short cuts In general most of the short cut or so-called modified methods do not ultimately save the patient time In many cases they not only fail to provide the necessary relief of symptoms but also actually serve to lengthen the period of convalescence The psychological importance of a strict dietary regimen in the acute phase is of great importance to peptic ulcer patients especially to new patients since these patients will otherwise fail to recognize the importance of diet in the long term care of their disease Patients on short cut diets become sloppy and lackadaisical and indifferent to the potentially serious nature of their illness Unfortunately there is no unanimity of opinion among clinicians regarding the matter of diet in peptic ulcer
- 3 Protein hydrolysates The status of protein hydrolysates in the treatment of peptic ulcer is at present unsettled Reputed advantages of the amino acids are that they have a high buffering activity and relieve hypoproteinemia as well as causing prompt healing of the ulcer Antacids are not ordinarily employed with the amino acid regimen The method is stated to be of special value in hemorrhage due to peptic ulcer
- 4 Restrictions Meat extracts bran raw vegetables and fruits fried foods condiments spices alcohol coffee tea and carbonated beverages

## C Drug

- 1 Antacids It is difficult to state which of the many antacids available are most effective since in certain circumstances each of the agents listed below enjoys special advantages In general adherence to a suitable dietary regimen will decrease the need for excessive and prolonged use of antacids

All patients on antacid therapy should be watched for diarrhea constipation alkalosis and fecal impaction

Antacid powders are prescribed on various schedules according to the stage of the defect. During the early stage of the Sippy regime the powder is given on alternate hours or half hours during the day and every night if necessary. The interval between powders may then be lengthened according to clinical and x-ray evidence of improvement. For more prolonged use the powder is usually administered 2 hours pre and post meals. Magnesium dioxide is a laxative drug and calcium carbonate tends to produce constipation.

a Magnesium Oxide U.S.P. B.P. and Calcium Carbonate U.S.P. B.P.

℞ Magnesium oxide 30 60 0 3 ii

Calcium carbonate q.s. ad 120 0 3iv

Sig Take ½ 1 tsp in half glass of water as directed. By varying the magnesium oxide in the above powder the laxative constipating effect of the lining diet may be effectively balanced. This powder may be given in alternate doses with the aluminum hydroxide gel (see below)

b M Bi Cal (magnesium bismuth carbonate) mixture

℞ Magnesium oxide 20 60 0 3v ii

Bismuth subcarbonate 20 0 3

Calcium carbonate q.s. ad 120 0 3iv

Sig ½ 1 tsp in half glass of water as directed. The bismuth is incorporated because of its soothing coating effect. This powder occasionally offers relief where the magnesium oxide calcium carbonate powder fails to relieve.

c Magnesium Trisilicate U.S.P. B.P. ½ 1 tsp in half glass of water as directed. An excellent non-systemic antacid with unusual protective properties.

d Aluminum Hydroxide G.I. U.S.P. (Amphojel® C-Amalin® etc.) These gels have recently enjoyed popular use because of convenience of administration, relative freedom from induction of alkalosis and because of local deobstruent protective and demulcent action. However they are constipating interfere with phosphat and vitamin absorption, may require large doses and occasionally fail to give relief.

(1) Aluminum hydroxide gel, liquid 1 2 tsp in half glass of water every 2 4 hours post meals

(2) Aluminum hydroxide gel (dried) tablet chew 1 2 tablets and follow with half glass of water every 2 4 hours post meals. These tablets are especially convenient for patients who are forced to continue work or to travel.

(3) Aluminum hydroxide gel magnesium trisilicate mixture liquid (Gelusil® Trisilicate® etc.) 1 2 tsp in half glass of water every 2 4 hours post meals. The addition of magnesium trisilicate increases the neutralizing power and protective coating action of the aluminum hydroxide gel. This mixture is also constipating.

(4) Aluminum hydroxide gel (dried) magnesium trisilicate tablets chew 1 or 2 tablets every 2-4 hours p r n and follow with a half glass of water

- 2 Sedative drugs The use of sedative drugs will depend on the emotional status of the patient. Tense and apprehensive patients will usually profit greatly from proper sedation. Most patients with peptic ulcer profit by sedative drugs. The barbiturates are the preferred sedatives. They may be used alone or in combination with antispasmodic drugs. Hypnotic doses of the barbiturates may be necessary to insure sleep during the acute phase of the ulcer (see page 35)

- 3 Antispasmodic drugs Any of the following drugs or mixtures may be employed for their antispasmodic and sedative effects

a R Tincture of belladonna 10 30 0 3 iiss 3i

Elixir of phenobarbital q s ad 120 0 3iv

Sig 1 tsp in half glass of water t i d 20 30 minutes

a c and h s p r n

b R Belladonna extract 8 15 mg gr 1½ ¼

Phenobarbital 15 mg gr ¼

Sig 1 tablet t i d 20 30 minutes a c and h s p r n

- c Tincture of Belladonna, U S P B P 0 3 0 6 cc (5 10 drops) in half a glass of water orally t i d 20 30 minutes a c and h s p r n (0 6 cc of the tincture equals about 0 2 mg of atropine) This preparation permits rather delicate titration of desired antispasmodic effect by simply regulating the number of drops

- d Belladonna Extract U S P B P 8 15 mg (1½ ¼ gr) tablets or capsules orally t i d 20 30 minutes a c and h s p r n (15 mg equals about 0 2 mg atropine alkaloid)

- e Atropine Sulfate U S P B P 0 4 0 6 mg (½ 150 ½ 100 gr) 1 tablet t i d 30 minutes a c and h s p r n

- f Trasentine® (N C A) 75 mg (1½ gr) t i d 20 30 minutes a c and h s p r n Acts principally on smooth muscles and has few of the side effects of the belladonna preparations but also has less antispasmodic effect. Usually prescribed in combination with phenobarbital. Stated to have a local anesthetic effect on mucous membranes

R Trasentine® 0 050 gr ¾

Phenobarbital 0 020 gr 1/3

Sig 1 tablet t i d 30 minutes a c and h s p r n

- g Methantheline bromide (Banthine®) and the more recently introduced propantheline bromide (Pro-Banthine®) have been reported to provide effective control of hypermotility and hyperacidity in patients with peptic ulcer. Although these are potent anticholinergic drugs adjunctive measures of diet rest and antacids are often necessary for control of symptoms of many ulcer patients. Methantheline is employed in doses of 50 100 mg (¾ 1½ gr) t i d q i d propantheline is given in doses of 15 30 mg (¼ ½ gr) t i d q i d

- h Diphenmethanil methylsulfate (Prantal®) is reported to exert significant antispasmodic anticholinergic effects in peptic ulcer patients when used in dosages of 100 200 mg

(1½ 3 gr) t i d q i d  
 Oxyphenonium bromide (Antrenyl®) is reported to be a potent anti holinergic agent for treatment of peptic ulcer. Dosage 10 mg (½ gr) q i d for the first week in the acute dosage thereafter is reduced to the point of control of symptoms.

## CONVALESCENT PHASE

Time min tion When clinical quiescence of the lesion is evident (based on freedom from symptoms) a repeat GI x ray series is advisable to determine whether or not the ulcer is healing of the ulcer. In the case of gastric lesions failure of clinical improvement and x ray impoement of the ulcer criteria within a period of 3 weeks on a careful medical regimen should be taken as a suspicious evidence of gastric malignancy.

- Ed ation of Patient Regarding Current
1. The patient should be alerted to an understanding of the chronicity and recurrent possibilities of his ailment as well as of the danger of complications which may follow neglectful or improper treatment.
  2. Factors causing recurrence of ulcer should be emphasized to the patient that the following factors are most frequently responsible for recurrence of ulcer:
    - a. Improper diet and irregular eating habits
    - b. Irregular living habits
    - c. Long irregular hours
    - d. Use of alcohol or tobacco
    - e. Emotional stress
    - f. Infection particularly of the upper respiratory tract
  3. Management of the patient should be instituted to turn to the Sippy regimen or modification of the patient's life in the event of symptoms or complications. The patient should be exposed to conditions known to aggravate peptic ulcer in addition to diet. Infections should be avoided for proper management of the patient. The patient should be motivated physically and mentally.
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of ulcers. The designation intractable should be reserved only for those patients who have been given adequate and supervised trial of therapy. The possibility of malignancy or of other complications of the ulcer (e.g. pyloric obstruction perforation gastritis etc.) must always be considered.

## HEMORRHAGE

(Stomach code No 840 951 7) (Duodenum code No 851 951 7)

Although peptic ulceration accounts for about 70% of gross hemorrhage from the upper gastrointestinal tract one must bear in mind the possibility of esophageal varices gastritis duodenitis carcinoma of the stomach hiatus hernia and bleeding diseases.

### Treatment

#### A. Emergency Measures for Hemorrhage and Shock

*Refer to page 3. for general management of shock*

- 1 Hospitalize patient at absolute bed rest
- 2 Warmth. Keep patient comfortable. If an ice bag is applied to the epigastrium avoid chilling the patient.
- 3 Treatment of apprehension and anxiety
  - a Reassurance by word and manner of physician that the condition is not critical
  - b Rest. Provide prompt mental and physical rest this can best be achieved in the hospital
  - c Sedation. May be necessary
    - (1) Morphine should be avoided if possible since it may cause nausea. Dose is 12-18 mg ( $\frac{1}{8}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) subcut every 4-6 hours. It is best to substitute codeine phosphate 30-65 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1 gr) subcut or orally or Dilaudid® 4 mg ( $\frac{1}{16}$  gr) subcut every 4-6 hours p r n
    - (2) Sodium phenobarbital (sodium phenobarbitone) 0.03-0.1 Gm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) subcut or orally during the first 24-48 hours
    - (3) Phenobarbital (phenobarbitone) may be continued for several days if necessary
- 4 Oxygen. Preferably by mask at 5-10 liters per minute (see page 147)
- 5 Transfusions. There has been considerable controversy regarding the use of blood transfusions in bleeding ulcer. However it is generally agreed that the previous conservative attitude (fear that transfusion may raise the fallen blood pressure to a point causing recurrence of hemorrhage) is not warranted. Certainly in severe hemorrhage the time, rate and volume of blood administration should suit the physiological needs and large amounts of blood may be given when indicated. Transfusions must always be given if hemorrhage is severe (Hgb < 50% or RBC < 2.5 million) if immediate surgery is contemplated or if symptoms of anoxia or shock are not rapidly controlled. Slow and continuous administration of 500 cc up to 2500 cc of whole blood daily may be necessary.
- 6 Clinical and laboratory studies

- a Take pulse respirations and blood pressure every  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 hour since the data may give information regarding shock status in advance of blood change
- b Observe all vomitus and stools for gross occult blood
- c Type and crossmatch the patient's blood carefully as soon as possible. Have whole blood or plasma available without delay
- d Obtain complete blood count and hematocrit initially and serially as indicated
- e Obtain blood N P N or urea nitrogen for comparison with later studies

## B General Management

### 1 Correct dehydration and salt depletion

- a Hypodermoclysis. Physiologic saline solution 1000 to 1500 ml daily by this method
- b Oral liquid feedings as soon as tolerated (see below)
- c Sodium chloride 3 to 6 Gm ( $3\frac{1}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  dr) may be added to each liter of liquid food mixture to prevent salt depletion

### 2 Nutrition

- a Starvation. The policy of initial starvation is subject to considerable controversy. Since the patient is often nauseated and anorexic or even in shock on the first day food may be safely withheld
- b Fluid. If patient is nauseated or vomiting thirst may be controlled by fluids given parenterally. The patient may be permitted to dissolve ice chips or hard fruit flavored candy under the tongue to relieve thirst
- c Diet. If the patient is hungry and not vomiting it is wise to begin immediate administration of bland foodstuff

(1) Liquid diet. It is best to begin with a liquid diet of hourly feedings of milk and cream mixture (see page 32), using supplementary antacid powders. Three to 6 Gm ( $3\frac{1}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  dr) of sodium chloride may be added to each quart of milk cream mixture to prevent salt depletion

#### (2) Solid bland foods

(a) Conservative approach. Solid bland food may be added when the patient has shown apparent clinical improvement on the liquid (milk and cream) regimen within 1 to 2 weeks and when the patient's stools have shown no occult blood for 3 to 5 days

(b) Liberal approach (e.g. Mullergraft). This method permits immediate feeding of all nonirritant high-caloric foods but in purified form

## C Convalescent Care. Following the acute episode the conservative medical regimen, such as outlined for uncomplicated peptic ulcer (see page 363) should be instituted.

## D Surgery. Surgery should be considered if

- 1 The general condition of the patient fails to improve despite the above measures
- 2 Bleeding persists as evidenced by gross occult blood in stool. If the patient's condition permits gastrointestinal x-rays should be performed to help localize the source of identify the character of the bleeding lesion. Manipulation during such examinations should be as gentle as possible. If

esophageal varices are eliminated as a cause of bleeding and the bleeding persists for more than 2-3 weeks prepare the patient promptly for surgical intervention. Do not wait until the patient becomes a poor operative risk before making this decision.

### PYLORIC OBSTRUCTION (code No. 618)

It is important to differentiate pyloric obstruction due to spasm and edema from that due to scarring. The former condition may respond to medical treatment whereas the obstruction due to scarring is a surgical problem.

#### Treatment

##### A Medical Measures (for obstruction due to spasm or edema)

1. Bed rest preferably in the hospital
2. Liberal use of antispasmodics
  - a. Oral. If patient is able to retain oral medication
    - (1) Tincture of belladonna 10-20 drops t.i.d. or q.i.d.
    - or (2) Belladonna extract 15 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) t.i.d. or q.i.d.
  - b. Parenteral. If the patient is unable to retain medication by mouth atropine sulfate 0.3-0.6 mg ( $\frac{1}{200}$  -  $\frac{1}{100}$  gr) t.i.d. or q.i.d. subcutaneously

##### 3. Sedatives

- a. Phenobarbital (phenobarbitone) 15-30 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) t.i.d. q.i.d.

- or b. Phenobarbital sodium (phenobarbitone sodium) 0.065 Gm (1 gr) subcut. every 8-12 hours p.r.n.

##### 4. Nutrition

- a. Sippy I diet should be used initially, gradually progressing to Sippy II, III, and IV as tolerated (see page 52)
- b. Fluid or mineral imbalance must be corrected if vomiting is severe or prolonged. Parenteral methods are most satisfactory (see pages 10 and 27)
- c. Hypoproteinemia must be corrected since the resultant edema may increase pylorospasm

##### 5. Control of hyperacidity

- a. Gastric secretions should be aspirated every morning and night with a small gastric tube. Some clinicians feel that continuous gastric suction should be employed initially
- b. Antacids may be employed as for treatment of uncomplicated ulcer (see page 264) but avoid alkalosis from excessive use of soluble antacids since this increases pylorospasm

##### B Surgical Measures (for obstruction due to scarring)

1. Surgery is to be employed only when a thorough trial of conservative measures has failed
2. The various recommended surgical procedures will not be discussed. It is currently the practice to perform gastric resection in most cases although some surgeons favor gastroenterostomy

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## GASTRIC MALIGNANCY

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(Carcinoma of the Stomach) (code No 840 8)

Carcinoma of the stomach (code No 640 8 )  
 over 45 year of age who develop dyspepsia  
 more commonly in men than in women. The disease  
 region of the greater curvature and pylorus  
 malignant. A high incidence of ulceration  
 of the pylorus.



## 272 Diaphragmatic Hernia

studies and gastric analysis afford the greatest opportunity for early diagnosis. Unfortunately by the time the disease is manifest the fastases usually have occurred and the lesion is no longer amenable to satisfactory surgical therapy.

### Treatment

- A Specific Treatment (corrective) Early and thorough gastric resection is essential if the patient is a good operative risk. Patients should be afforded the opportunity of corrective surgery regardless of the apparently advanced nature of a malignant lesion.
- B General Measures (palliative) To be considered only when corrective surgery is impossible.
- 1 Simple shunting procedures (e.g. gastroenterostomy) in the event of pyloric obstruction.
  - 2 Symptomatic and supportive treatment as indicated.
  - 3 Narcotics should be given in adequate doses to alleviate suffering (see page 37).

## DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA

(Congenital code No 275 037 9) (Traumatic code No 274-424)

Herniation of a portion of the abdominal viscera through a congenital or acquired defect (especially esophageal hiatus) of the diaphragm may be manifested by a wide variety of symptoms but classically by epigastric distress and dyspepsia noted especially on lying down after meals. Nausea, vomiting, small hemorrhage and angina like symptoms may occur. X ray demonstration of the hernia is usually necessary to confirm the diagnosis. Small esophageal hiatus hernias which are of questionable clinical significance are reported frequently (at least 10%) on routine x ray gastrointestinal series.

### Treatment

- A Treat as for functional dyspepsia (see page 260)
- 1 Small frequent feedings of bland easily tolerated food.
  - 2 Antispasmodic sedative medication (see page 266).
  - 3 Antacid powders frequently provide relief from heartburn (see page 264).
- B Instructions to Patients
- 1 Patient should be instructed to
    - a Avoid lying down immediately after eating.
    - b Avoid exercising vigorously after eating.
  - 2 Patient should be advised to sleep in the semi Fowler position or at least with upper part of body slightly elevated in an attempt to decrease acid regurgitation into the esophagus.

## DISEASES OF THE INTESTINES

### REGIONAL ILEITIS (code No 654 952)

An acute or chronic inflammation of the distal portion of the

small intestine characterized by ulceration and scarring and often associated with internal and external fistulae. The condition must be differentiated from other specific causes of enterocolitis (e.g. tube colitis, chronic bacillary and amebic dysenteria). The history often of long duration, is one of mild intermittent diarrhea and abdominal cramps relieved by bowel movement. The acute form may simulate appendicitis.

Physical findings may include tender masses in right or left lower quadrants, fistulous tracts and perirectal abscesses. Occult blood is often present in the watery stools. Gastrointestinal x-ray series (small bowel study) reveals a loss of the mucosal pattern with narrowing and irregularity of the terminal ileum ("string sign").

#### Treatment

- A. Corrective. Radical primary resection of the involved portion of the bowel is the procedure of choice after a reasonable period of conservative medical therapy has been tried. Despite extensive surgical treatment the disease will recur fairly often.
- B. Palliative.
  - 1 Diet. Bland, high caloric, high vitamin, adequate in protein.
  - 2 Symptomatic treatment of anemia, diarrhea, avitaminosis as indicated.
  - 3 Sulfonamides and antibiotics. Although of doubtful value, those sulfonamides which are poorly absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract might be given a trial (see page 499). Their effectiveness as streptomycin and Aureomycin® have not been completely evaluated.
  - 4 Corticotropin (ACTH) and cortisone may produce beneficial results in certain patients with regional enteritis, but results have been quite variable and generally not too encouraging. Experience would indicate that long-term use of these agents may not be without hazard and may result in increased destruction of intestinal tissues.
  - 5 Palliative surgery. Short-cutting operations may be necessary when involvement is extensive and complicated.

#### DIVERTICULOSIS (code No 660-642) DIVERTICULITIS (code No 660-643 0)

Multiple acquired or congenital evaginations (pouch-like projections) may occur at any place along the course of the bowel, especially the colon. In diverticulosis the lesions are asymptomatic and are discovered accidentally on x-ray examination. Inflammation of diverticula (diverticulitis) with symptoms of intra-abdominal inflammation on referral to the involved site occurs mainly in individuals above 40 years of age. Variable lower gastrointestinal symptoms occur depending on location of diverticula. Abdominal pain and tenderness of the involved and bowel disturbances require differentiation from acute appendicitis. Laboratory evidence of inflammation may be obtained and x-ray demonstration of diverticula helps to confirm the diagnosis.

except in those circumstances where there is a deficiency of these vitamins (due to inadequate food intake). It is felt that if vitamin B complex administration is indicated it is provided by the following

- (1) Dried brewer's yeast powder 15-30 Gm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 oz) daily or 20-30 0-6 Gm tablets daily
  - (2) Vitamin B complex high potency preparations
  - (3) Crude liver extract 1-2 cc I M 1-2 times weekly
  - (4) Choline and methionine as specific dietary supplements are of questionable value
- d Amino acid supplements (protein hydrolysates) may be incorporated in oral tube or parenteral feedings as indicated
- (1) Oral 2-15 Tbsp t i d (to supply 50-400 Gm daily)
  - (2) Tube 2-15 Tbsp t i d Rule out varices first
  - (3) I V 5% solution with 5% dextrose 1-3 liters daily
- e Skimmed milk may be used for oral or tube feedings
- f Salt poor albumin 50-100 Gm daily may be employed in severe cases (very expensive)
- g Ascitic fluid Readministration of ascitic fluid by sterile technic (if protein in ascitic fluid is greater than 1%)
- h Transfusions of whole blood if severe anemia and hypoproteinemia coexist
- 3 Ascites and edema may be treated by
- a Low sodium diet Reduce sodium intake to less than 2 Gm NaCl daily (see page 53) and even less if necessary even though diets severely restricted in sodium are apt to be nutritionally inadequate and unpalatable. The danger of inducing the so called low salt syndrome with renal failure coma and death must be considered and watched for
  - b Attempt to restore plasma proteins to normal levels (as above). This is very difficult to achieve
  - c Cation exchange resins have a limited use when used, however the potassium resins should be employed since large doses of the ammonium resins may result in acidosis and even death. Large doses of resins are necessary to achieve any significant sodium reduction
  - d Mercurial diuretics 1-2 cc I V or I M once or twice a week (see page 204)
  - e Abdominal paracentesis for pain discomfort or inability to eat if necessary
  - f Surgical procedures to relieve portal hypertension may be considered in selected good risk patients. In younger patients in otherwise reasonably good physical condition in whom hepatocellular dysfunction is relatively slight the portacaval anastomosis may be employed with benefit
- 4 Anemia
- a Hypochromic anemia Ferrous sulfate 0.2-0.3 Gm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) enteric coated tablets t i d p c
  - b Hyperchromic macrocytic anemia Crude liver extract 1-2 cc I M once or twice a week
- 5 Hemorrhagic tendency due to hypoproteinemia may be treated with vitamin K preparations although this treatment is ineffectual when intrahepatic damage is severe. Blood

transfusions may be necessary to control the bleeding tendency. Some caution should be observed in using large doses of salicylate in the hepatic tabes due to the enhanced hypoprothrombin effect.

- a Oral Menadione U S P Menaphthone B P 13  
tablet of 10 mg ( $\frac{1}{80}$  gr) each t i d p c. If obstructive jaundice is present give supplementary bile salts (see page 286)
- b I V 1 M Menadion Sodium Bisulfite U S P 2  
mg ( $\frac{1}{30}$  gr) every other day
- 8 Hemorrhagic esophagial varices. Severe bleeding can at times be controlled by the use of the triple lumen tube. Surgical measures are usually hazardous and unsatisfactory.
- 7 Miscellaneous problems
  - a Pruritus (see page 87), nausea and vomiting (see page 251) and constipation (see page 254)
  - b Corticotropin (ACTH) and opiates. The opiates should be used with the utmost care of hazards of hemorrhagic tendency, portal thrombosis and sodium retention. They are best not used in advanced cirrhosis.

### ACUTE CHOLECYSTITIS (code No. 887 100)

Acute inflammation of the gallbladder may consist of any one of a wide variety of pathologic lesions of the gallbladder which are difficult to differentiate clinically. The condition may develop as a result of obstruction of the biliary passages with or without infection as a result of infection. Clinical findings may vary considerably in individual cases but for purposes of management it may be conveniently divided into 3 groups according to its mild, intermediate and severe.

#### Diagnosis

##### A Symptom

- 1 History of chronic dyspepsia or proved biliary calculi may or may not be elicited
- 2 Attacks of right upper quadrant colic frequently nocturnal with residual gallbladder tenderness occur
- 3 Nausea and vomiting are usually present during acute episodes

##### B Physical Examination

- 1 Tenderness occurs during or following attacks
- 2 Localized right upper quadrant tenderness is common
- 3 Fever may be present or absent

##### C Laboratory Findings

- 1 Leukocytosis is in constant
- 2 Icterus index is elevated in common duct obstruction
- 3 X ray findings are variable and at times difficult to interpret. A gallbladder which fills poorly with the dye compound is slowly may be normal. Demonstration of stones in the biliary system is the most important finding.

#### Treatment

- A Mild Type (Mild or indolent symptoms. Doubtful diagnosis)

of acute colic

- 2 Abdominal distention
- 3 Nausea and vomiting
- 4 Intolerance of fatty and gas forming foods

#### B Laboratory Examination

- 1 Gallbladder dye demonstration of poorly functioning gall bladder (poor filling and emptying on repeated examination) and/or biliary calculi
- 2 Duodenal drainage may demonstrate excessive quantities of exfoliated epithelium mucus bacteria and pus in dark fraction of bile

### Treatment

#### A Medical Management

##### 1 Indications

- a Patients without clinical or x ray evidence of stones who respond to careful medical treatment
- b Questionable diagnosis or low grade symptoms Differ entiate from functional dyspepsia (a difficult problem)
- c Patients who refuse surgical treatment
- d Poor operative risk patients
- e Patients with a short life expectancy from other cause

##### 2 Treatment

- a Diet In general 2 different types of diet
  - (1) Low fat diet (classical type) This diet excludes both cooked and uncooked fats from all sources (see page 32)
  - (2) No-grease diet (modern concept) This diet excludes only the cooked fats (greases) which are non emulsified at body temperature but includes the uncooked fats such as are emulsified at body temperature The first phase of this diet is similar to the Sippy I diet with frequent feedings of milk and cream as improvement occurs the diet incorporates eggs butter cooked vegetables and fruit and cereals as tolerated
- b Antispasmodic medication Very useful
  - (1) Tincture of belladonna 10 drops t i d a c
  - (2) Belladonna extract 15 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) t i d a c
  - (3) Phenobarbital antispasmodic mixtures (see page 266)
  - (4) Atropine sulfate 0.4-0.6 mg ( $\frac{1}{150}$ - $\frac{1}{100}$  gr) orally sublingually or subcutaneously
- c Bile acid preparations Not to be used in patients with biliary stasis due to complete mechanical obstruction A cholagogue stimulates evacuation of the gallbladder a choleretic alters secretion of the bile constituents a hydrocholeretic alters volume of bile
  - (1) D hydrocholic acid N F (Decholin®) 0.25 Gm ( $\frac{3}{4}$  gr) t i d p c choleretic (?) hydrocholeretic
  - (2) Ox Bile Extract U S P capsules 0.3 Gm (5 gr), or tablets 0.2 Gm (3 gr) t i d p c cholagogue choleretic and hydrocholeretic
- d Sedation Phenobarbital antispasmodic mixtures (see page 266) and barbiturates (see page 35)
- e Antacids These drugs frequently provide empiric relief of many of the annoying symptoms of gallbladder dyspepsia Their mode of action is not clear but they are felt to

relieve a secreted hyp acidity and to have a soothing effect on the duodenum and pharynx (see page 264)

f Laxative drugs (see p. 281)

(1) Sodium phosphate (disodium phosphat) 4-8 Gm (1-2 dr or 1-2 tsp) dissolved in warm water before breakfast

(2) Magnesium sulfate (Epsom salts) Dissolve 4-8 Gm (1-2 dr or 1-2 t p) dissolved in warm water before breakfast. This may be used initially but its prolonged use is inadvisable

g Local heat to abdomen. Hot water bottle or electric pad preferred for mild discomfort

#### B Surgical Management

1 Indication (providing the patient is a good surgical risk)

a Patient without clinical evidence of stones who fail to respond to intensive medical treatment. Surgical ulcers however are questionable

b Patient with biliary stones with or without jaundice who have recurrent attacks of right upper abdominal quadrant pain. A symptomatic cholelithiasis in patients less than 45 years of age is considered by some to be an indication for surgery

c Patient with suspicion of gallbladder malignancy

2 Choice of operation is controversial. In general, cholecystectomy is preferred to the palliative procedures, particularly when the surgical risk is poor. The patient is seriously ill, rather than a clinical contraindication.

## DISEASES OF THE PANCREAS

### ACUTE PANCREATITIS (code No 590-595)

Acute pancreatitis is characterized by a sudden onset of severe agonizing, constant epigastric pain, often extending to the mid back, shoulders or flanks. Symptoms of vasomotor collapse (shock) may be present. Paralytic ileus or obstipation and vomiting often occur. Apathy of dyspepsia, ulcer, or gallbladder disease may be identified. Physical examination reveals epigastric tenderness and rigidity. There is usually abdominal distention. There is an elevation of serum amylase and lipase levels (may be transitory). Leukocytosis is common and glycosuria may occur.

#### Treatment

A Formulary Manual for Independent Practice (Vasomotor Collapse) (page 31)

1 Bed rest in shock position (see page 3).

2 Morphine sulfate 15-30 mg (1/4-1/2 gr) subcut or if necessary I.V. may be employed for the relief of pain. Pethidine Demerol® 100-150 mg might be of value as a substitute for morphine sulfate because of its alleged antispasmodic action.

3 Atropine sulfate 0.4-0.8 mg (1/150-1/60 gr) subcut should be given as an antispasmodic.

- 4 Glyceryl Trinitrate U S I (nitroglycerine) 0.3-0.6 mg ( $\frac{1}{100}$ - $\frac{1}{100}$  gr) sublingually may be employed for relief of severe pain
- 5 Parenteral fluids
  - a Plasma Give 250-500 cc of plasma I V immediately and follow with subsequent infusions of plasma such as are necessary to correct disturbed fluid balance
  - b Crystalloids 5% glucose and/or normal saline may be used initially in lieu of plasma (when the latter is not available) or to correct altered fluid and mineral imbalance
- 6 Withhold food and fluids by mouth
- 7 Employ continuous gastric suction
- 8 Careful observation The patient should be constantly attended and vital signs should be checked at 15-30 minute intervals as indicated during the acute period. Blood count, hematocrit, serum amylase and lipase should be checked.

**B Follow up** After the patient has recovered from shock or if patient has not developed shock 3 alternatives should be considered with regard to further immediate management

- 1 Conservative or expectant medical management This is to be preferred whenever possible. The patient should be observed closely for evidence of continued inflammation of the pancreas and/or related structures. The opinion of a surgical consultant should be obtained in every case of suspected acute pancreatitis.
- 2 Immediate surgical intervention When the diagnosis is in doubt and there is a possibility of a serious and surgically correctible lesion (e.g. perforated peptic ulcer) an exploratory operation may be indicated.
- 3 Observation The course of the inflammatory process should be observed by frequent repeated physical examinations and blood counts and by blood sugar levels and serum and urine enzyme determinations as indicated.
- 4 Supportive therapy
  - a No fluid or foods should be given by mouth for at least 48 hours and continuous gastric suction should be maintained for that period.
  - b After 48-72 hours small quantities of bland low fat liquid foods may be introduced gradually by mouth as tolerated. Gastric suction may be temporarily discontinued several times during the day for small oral feedings and then gradually discontinued depending upon clinical progress.
  - c Fluid and electrolyte balance is maintained by appropriate parenteral fluids (see page 10).
  - d Atropine sulfate 0.4-0.6 mg ( $\frac{1}{150}$ - $\frac{1}{100}$  gr) subcut may be administered t i d in an attempt to suppress pancreatic secretion.

**C Convalescent Care** When clinical evidence of pancreatic inflammation has cleared

- 1 Bland low fat diet should be given
- 2 Drugs
  - a Belladonna extract 15 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) t i d or atropine sulfate 0.4-0.6 mg ( $\frac{1}{150}$ - $\frac{1}{100}$  gr) t i d
  - b Antacids may be of value (see page 264)

- 3 Evaluation of patient's surgery Consider the patient carefully for elective surgical treatment of biliary tract disease to help prevent recurrence of attacks

#### Panphylax

- A All associated etiological factors should be corrected e.g. biliary tract disease duodenal ulcer etc
- B Diet Patients who have had previous mild attacks of acute pancreatitis should be placed on a low fat diet to give them and permitted no alcohol this may reduce the possibility of subsequent attacks

### CHRONIC PANCREATITIS (code No 590 956)

Chronic inflammatory disease of the pancreas is associated with fibrosis of the gland. In the interlobular type the excretory secretions are often deficient and digestive disturbances are frequent. In the intralobular type the islet tissue is involved and diabetes develops. Acute pancreatitis malignant disease pancreatic calculi penetrating peptic ulcer hepatic biliary disease and generalized arteriosclerosis are the more common causative factors. The main symptom is a history of recurrent episodes of epigastric pain and tenderness flatulence and bowel irregularities. The physical examination reveals only an irregularly intermittent tenderness.

Laboratory findings may include bulky foul fatty stools containing undigested food glycosuria and excretion of pancreatic enzymes and duodenal drainage. Pancreatic calcification may be seen on x-ray.

#### Treatment

A Specimen for Microscopy None

B General Management

1 Remove aggravating factors when possible

- a Correct hepatic biliary disease
- b Treat gastro-duodenal disease (e.g. penetrating peptic ulcer)
- c Forbid the use of alcohol

2 Nutrition

- a Diet: High CHO, low fat, low protein, high calcium diet. When pancreatic achylia is the conspicuous feature of the illness protein hydrolyses may be employed to supplement natural protein. If diabetes is present dietary modification may be necessary (see page 53).
- b Vitamins: Multivitamin tablets and B complex vitamins should be given.
- c Calcium salts: Calcium gluconate 1 Gm (15 gr) tablets 2-3 tablets 3-4 times a day to help replace calcium lost in stool.
- d Replacement of deficient pancreatic enzymes: Pancreatin USP B.P. is available in effervescent form, 0.32 Gm (5 gr) net weight tablets 1-3 tablets 3-4 times a day. Dextrogenase or such a sorbitan monooleate may be used to correct the impaired fat and calcium absorption.



RELATIVE VALUE OF VARIOUS LIVER FUNCTION TESTS IN JAUNDICE AND LIVER DISEASE

| Physiologic Basis for Test | TEST               | ACUTE HEPATIC DISEASE |    |    |    | Latent or Subclinical Disease | Chronic Disease | Normal Range of Value |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----|----|----|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|                            |                    | Obtention of Ph       | Ph | Ph | Ph |                               |                 |                       |
| Hilp gm Metab item         | Urine Bilirubin    | A (un)                | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 1-4 mg/24 hr          |
|                            | Urine Urobilinogen | A (un)                | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 1-4 mg/24 hr          |
|                            | Urine Urobilinogen | A (un)                | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 1-4 mg/24 hr          |
|                            | Urine Urobilinogen | A (un)                | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 1-4 mg/24 hr          |
|                            | Urine Urobilinogen | A (un)                | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 1-4 mg/24 hr          |
| Eym Aft Hy                 | Sum Bilirubin      | A (incr)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0.05-0.50 mg %        |
|                            | Sum Bilirubin      | A (incr)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0.05-0.50 mg %        |
|                            | Sum Bilirubin      | A (incr)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0.05-0.50 mg %        |
|                            | Sum Bilirubin      | A (incr)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0.05-0.50 mg %        |
|                            | Sum Bilirubin      | A (incr)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0.05-0.50 mg %        |
| Synth is                   | Prothrombin        | A (un)                | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 10-15 sec             |
|                            | Prothrombin        | A (un)                | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 10-15 sec             |
|                            | Prothrombin        | A (un)                | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 10-15 sec             |
|                            | Prothrombin        | A (un)                | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 10-15 sec             |
|                            | Prothrombin        | A (un)                | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 10-15 sec             |
| Dy E tion                  | Thymol Turbidity   | A (high)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0-40 units            |
|                            | Thymol Turbidity   | A (high)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0-40 units            |
|                            | Thymol Turbidity   | A (high)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0-40 units            |
|                            | Thymol Turbidity   | A (high)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0-40 units            |
|                            | Thymol Turbidity   | A (high)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0-40 units            |
| Gly e Synthesis            | Glycogen           | A (high)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0-100 mg %            |
|                            | Glycogen           | A (high)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0-100 mg %            |
|                            | Glycogen           | A (high)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0-100 mg %            |
|                            | Glycogen           | A (high)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0-100 mg %            |
|                            | Glycogen           | A (high)              | A  | A  | A  | B                             | B               | 0-100 mg %            |

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- b Hyd rochl ic Acid Diluted, U S P B P 1040 c (16-64 min) t i d with meals
- F r o u s s i f e 0.203 Gm (3.4½ gr) t i d p c for anemia
- d In lin for di b t s wh p sent ( p g 395)

PANCREATIC CARCINOMA (code No 690 8 )

Carcinoma of the pancreas occurs most commonly in males over 50 yrs of age. It is characterized by epigastric pain extending to the back, rapid and marked weight loss and multiple gastrointestinal complaints. Physical examination may reveal an epigastric mass, icterus and hepatic enlargement. Laboratory findings include evidence of disturbances of carbohydrate metabolism, elevation of serum lipase and amylase and widening of duodenal loop on roentgen configuration of duodenum only.

Treatment

- A Non operative Measures      Symptomatic and palliative
- B Surgical Measures
  - 1 Radical resection in selected cases
  - 2 Palliative surgical operations      Biliary fistula shunting procedure is indicated as associated with jaundice

## Chapter 11

# DISEASES OF THE URINARY SYSTEM

### NONSPECIFIC URINARY SYMPTOMS

Urinary symptoms should never be ignored. Symptomatic treatment must never be substituted for a thorough investigation of the underlying organic or functional abnormality.

#### FREQUENCY OF URINATION (code No 706) (Nocturnal code No 707)

Frequency is one of the most common of the urinary symptoms and may occur either during the day or night. It may be caused by any of a variety of organic or functional disorders and is often of psychogenic origin.

If the symptom is disturbing to the patient, treatment can be instituted while diagnostic procedures are being completed. Use antispasmodic sedative drugs as for dysuria (see below). Fluid restriction may be employed, particularly at night, if there are no contraindications.

#### DYSURIA (code No 704)

Dysuria may be caused by infection of the genitourinary system or by lesions of the lower urinary tract. It is usually associated with urgency and frequency. Mild discomfort may also be produced by a highly concentrated acid urine.

#### Treatment

A Specific Measures Treat the underlying disease

B Symptomatic Measures Antispasmodic and sedative drugs

1 Atropine Sulfate U.S.P. B.P. 0.4-0.6 mg ( $\frac{1}{150}$ - $\frac{1}{100}$  gr) every 3-4 hours or other parasympatholytic drugs (see page 39)

2 Phenobarbital U.S.P. Phenobarbitone B.P. 15-30 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) t.i.d. q.i.d. or more as needed

3 Bladder sedative mixture

R Potassium citrate 30 0 31

Hyoscyamus tincture 30 0 31

Elixir of phenobarbital q.s. ad 120 0 3iv

Sig 4 cc (1 dr) t.i.d. a.c. and h.s. or q. 4 H

## OLIGURIA (code No 702) and ANURIA (code No 703) (also see Lower Nephron Nephrosis page 303)

Oliguria and anuria are usually a serious symptom and may be due to many causes. Shock, congestive failure and dehydration are the most common causes. It is important to differentiate these symptoms from urinary retention.

### Treatment

A Special Measure Treatment underlying disease

B Fluid Do not give excess fluids to patients with oliguria or anuria due to renal failure. Death will result from overhydration. Simple dehydration is indicated if fluid intake or intake loss (usually excessive perspiration) is excessive. Indicated by oral or parenteral fluids. Report any electrolyte loss (see page 31).

## RETENTION OF URINE (code No 705)

Urinary retention due to obstruction may be either total or partial and is most commonly due to benign prostatic hypertrophy. The bladder may be palpated below the symphysis.

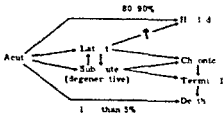
Plastic catheter or ureteral catheter. If this is unsuccessful or cannot be employed, the patient should be catheterized. Correction of underlying abnormality is the primary treatment.

## SPECIFIC DISEASES OF THE KIDNEY

### GLOMERULONEPHRITIS

Glomerulonephritis is typically a diffuse glomerular disease primarily involving both kidneys. The disease is believed by some to be directly due to glomerular infection (usually bacterial) or indirectly due to a preceding infection (usually streptococcal). The subsequent course of the disease depends upon the progression of the underlying disease.

The course of the disease can best be outlined by the following:



It is difficult in the initial attack to predict the course of the disease. However, about 80% of the patients have mild damage which allows for healing. Most of the other 20% enter the so called latent phase and the nature of the progression of the disease seems to depend primarily upon the extent of the renal lesion. The greater the amount of initial damage, the more rapid the progression to subacute, terminal stages and death. By proper treatment it may be possible to retard this process.

### Diagnosis

Diagnosis of glomerulonephritis rests primarily upon the urinary findings of red blood cells and/or red blood cell casts; therefore, a careful examination of a freshly voided urine specimen is the best single examination in making the diagnosis.

### General Principles of Treatment

The problems of therapy in renal disease are threefold. Treatment of each aspect of the disease will be discussed in terms of these principles:

- A Addis's Principle of Rest. The cause of the progression of the renal lesion in glomerulonephritis is unknown. Dr. T. Addis suggested that progression is due to too great a work load for the amount of functioning renal tissue remaining. Most of the work of the kidney was assumed to be involved in the concentration of solutes [i.e., the reabsorption of water against osmotic pressure]. Urea is the most important solute. Hence it was suggested that the less urea (from protein catabolism) and more water, the less work.  
However, it has recently been shown that the percentage of energy utilized by the kidney ( $O_2$  consumed) in the concentration of solutes is such a small fraction of the total as to make this thesis untenable.  
On the other hand, the empirical evidence of Dr. Addis's principles have not yet been refuted. Therefore, an adequate but minimal protein intake remains important in influencing the course of the disease.
- B Correction of Physiological Alterations. Since many of the manifestations of renal disease cause or are associated with marked physiological alterations (e.g., hypoalbuminemia in the nephrotic syndrome), therapy is aimed at correcting these physiological disturbances as they occur. However, many of the defects, apparently corrected, quickly revert to the disease state as soon as therapy is stopped (e.g., return of hypoalbuminemia after I.V. albumin is stopped). This may make continued intensive therapy imperative if one wishes to prolong life, especially in terminal cases. However, do not use therapeutic means which appear to correct the physiological defect but which are in themselves unphysiological or tend to defeat Principle A above (e.g., high protein diet to correct hypoproteinemia).
- C Complications. Complications are treated as they arise and are discussed in the appropriate sections.

## ACUTE GLOMERULONEPHRITIS (code No 712 100)

Diagnosis

The history usually reveals an onset of hematuria, puffiness about the eyes, headache and occasionally malaise and fever occurring 7 to 10 days after an infection (usually sore throat). The urine usually has a low specific gravity except when oliguria is present in which case it may be elevated. The urine sediment is loaded with red cells and white cells (tubular cells) but has only few casts. Red cell casts pathognomonic. Mild to moderate proteinuria is present. There may be increased blood volume and appropriate electrolyte imbalance. The serum blood urea nitrogen and creatinine may be elevated. Hypertension is usually present.

Treatment

A Specific Measures There is no specific treatment. Treatment with corticotropin (ACTH) or cortisone has been generally quite unsatisfactory. A few cases respond well, but these are exceptions. Great care must be exercised in the use of corticotropin (ACTH) or cortisone. In this disease if overdosage can lead to increased edema and precipitate acute cardiac failure. Sodium restriction should be rigidly observed (see page 53).

B General Measures There is little that can be done to alter the abnormal physiology. Increased blood volume, elevated N.P.N. and the tendency to disseminate spontaneously the condition improve.

1. Home care or hospitalization. The average case of acute nephritis can be cared for in the home although hospitalization becomes necessary if complication develop.
2. Bed rest. The patient should remain in bed but may have bathroom privileges. The diagnosis of the period of bed rest is difficult to anticipate but it appears that daily activity is detrimental to the function of the renal lesion. A good general rule is to keep the patient in bed until the edema is disappearing completely, until the blood pressure and blood N.P.N. have been normal for about 2 weeks or until the urinary findings show of more than 0.3 Gm. protein/24 hours. Do not wait for red cells to disappear from urine. If patient is eating, the diet is not important. They may remain for 10-14. Return to activity should be gradual.

## 3. Diet

Initially, light diet with protein restriction is indicated. 0.3-0.5 Gm. protein/Kg (0.1-0.15 Gm./lb.) body weight for first 7-10 days. Then increase to 0.5 Gm./Kg (0.22 Gm./lb.) body weight plus the amount of protein lost in urine.

b. Fluid and parenteral infusions (See page 10-29 for complete discussion.)

- (1) Do not force fluids but allow fluids ad lib. Adjust fluid intake to changing physiological state (e.g. if oliguria develops fluid restriction may be necessary to avoid drowning the patient). In the acute phase diuretics cannot always be induced by forcing fluids.
- (2) I.V. fluids are rarely indicated except in case

associated with dehydration or abnormal fluid losses. In these cases it is important to give parenteral serum albumin 0.2 Gm /Kg (0.1 Gm /lb ) of body weight and sufficient glucose to maintain as close to an iso caloric intake as possible. Give I V fluids slowly.

- 4 Blood If anemia is marked a carefully cross matched blood transfusion may be administered slowly.

#### C Treatment of Complications

- 1 Cerebral edema with resultant headaches and convulsions
  - a If headaches are not severe and convulsions are not present give sedation with pentobarbital 15-30 mg (1/4-1 gr) or paraldehyde 4-8 cc (1-2 dr) b i d to q i d as necessary
  - b If headaches are severe and convulsions are present give magnesium sulfate 1.0 Gm (15 gr) (10 cc of 10% solution) I V slowly *CAUTION!* whenever administering magnesium sulfate I & always have syringes filled with 10 cc of 10% solution of calcium gluconate or other calcium salt ready to administer I V if narcosis develops or respiration ceases
- 2 Cardiac failure One of the most common causes of death in acute nephritis is acute cardiac failure. At the first sign of failure digitalization should be instituted by one of the rapid methods (see page 187). Sodium restriction should also be instituted immediately.
- 3 Focal infections Any focal infection especially of an acute nature should be treated promptly. Chemotherapeutic agents and antibiotics may be used as necessary for this purpose but they are of no value in the therapy of the nephritis itself. Effective blood levels of sulfonamides and penicillin may be maintained with smaller dosages than under ordinary clinical circumstances. This is due to the decreased tubular excretion (especially of penicillin) or the decreased glomerular filtration (as with sulfonamides).

### SUBACUTE GLOMERULONEPHRITIS (code No 712.100.0) (Nephrotic Syndrome code No 713.x40 or Degenerative Nephritis)

#### Diagnosis

A history of previous acute nephritis may not be elicited. The question of whether all cases of the nephrotic syndrome are preceded by acute nephritis has not been settled but it appears that they are not. The most common physical finding is marked pitting edema. Proteinuria is marked; the urinary sediment contains many casts (especially fatty casts) and many epithelial cells but few red cells. The blood N P N and creatinine are normal but the serum albumin is low and there is a marked lipemia. An anemia may also be found. Azotemia is also present in some cases.

#### Treatment

- A Specific Measures Corticotropin (ACTH) and cortisone have been employed in the treatment of subacute nephritis with

U t results Th u e of these hormones r lts in a marked decrease or entire disappearance of the albuminuria with a sub qu ant or concomitant diuresis and a gradual return of serum albumin to normal level The dosage and duration of administration are quite variable The are two main points of view

- 1 Intermittent therapy The drugs are given in short courses of 7-14 days and repeated as necessary Over 50% of patients so treated have relapsed promptly (see page 423 for dosage)
- 2 Continuous therapy The advocates of ACTH and cortisone therapy point out that this is a chronic disease and that there is no evidence that the steroid in any way influences its ultimate course The drugs are given continuously in the lowest dosage possible to keep the disease under control (e g urine free of protein)

All precautions for corticotropin (ACTH) and corticosteroid administration should be observed

## B General Measures

- 1 Rest The principle of rest for the kidneys is continued in this chapter (see page 294) This stage may represent a temporary regression of the renal lesion and lead into the terminal stage The transition may be rapid or there may be recurrences of edema over a period of many years
- 2 Diet Because of the massive albuminuria an attempt is made to keep the body in nitrogen balance but at the same time not to overload the kidney There is no evidence that the hypoproteinemia can be corrected by a high-protein diet per se During long term corticotropin (ACTH) or cortisone administration great care should be taken that the protein intake is adequate at least 1 Gm /Kg (0.5 Gm /lb) /day  
 Adult 0.5 Gm protein /Kg (0.25 Gm /lb) body weight per 24 hours plus an amount of protein per 24 hours that is equal to that lost in the urine (Example: 70 Kg man with proteinuria of 10 Gm /day 0.5 Gm /Kg body weight 35 Gm protein 10 Gm lost in urine 10 Gm protein Total 45 Gm of protein per day as the approximate intake)  
 Adolescent 0.75 Gm protein /Kg (0.35 Gm /lb) body weight per 24 hours plus urine loss
- 3 Treatment of edema The prime aim of the physician is physiologically point of view is the unimpeded removal of edema For this the ear is a valuable available  
 a Sodium restriction This is probably the method of choice although not always effective when used alone The sodium intake is restricted to below 1.0 Gm (15 g) per day 1 times restriction to 0.5 Gm (7½ gr) per day may be necessary This restriction should not be prolonged longer than is clinically necessary and when the restriction is ended the patient should be watched for symptoms of edema deficiency will be sufficient should not be employed 7/2 to 10 to 15 g sodium will not be a long term use of exchange resins has proved a little better for some patients but and lead to produce edema



b **Mechanical removal** Whenever the fluid accumulation becomes very marked mechanical removal is one of the most beneficial methods. This includes removal from pleural and peritoneal cavity and especially the use of Southey's tubes to remove massive edema from the legs. Any infection resulting from use of Southey's tubes should be controlled with antibiotic agents.

c **Agents to increase osmotic pressure of blood**

(1) **Salt poor human albumin** Of all the measures that have been employed to increase osmotic pressure this agent has the soundest physiological justification.

50 Gm (1 2/3 oz) per day I V may induce a rapid diuresis. However the effect is transient most of the albumin is lost in the urine and much of the remainder is rapidly catabolized. After cessation of the therapy (may be continued for from several days or weeks) there is little evidence that the course of the disease has been modified and in most cases the serum albumin concentration will return to its former low level.

(2) **Blood plasma** Plasma has little value primarily because of its high salt content. It may also carry the virus of infectious hepatitis.

(3) Some of the newer plasma expanders (Dextran® Gelatin Plasmoid® etc) have been employed. Although they may induce a temporary diuresis their routine use is not yet indicated.

(4) Other preparations such as acacia and isinglass are mentioned merely to be condemned. Their use is entirely unphysiological.

4 **Acid salts** (i.e. ammonium chloride) The drugs may be used but their effect is often not noted until mild acidosis develops. Since these patients may readily develop acidosis caution should be exercised in use of these drugs.

5 **Urea** Although urea is a diuretic it should not be used for it is the very agent that is being excluded when a restricted protein diet is given.

6 **Mercurial diuretics** are not advised. They may cause at least temporary renal damage and generally are not beneficial.

7 **Water** Patients should be encouraged to drink adequate fluids. As long as there is sodium restriction water will not accumulate in the tissues. Forcing fluids however is of little value in inducing a greater diuresis if fluid intake and urinary output are adequate.

8 **Induction of infection** It has long been known that patients with the nephrotic syndrome develop remissions following some virus infections especially measles. In susceptible children with subacute nephritis exposure to one of the mild exanthematous diseases may be indicated.

C **Treatment of Complications** The principal complications are infections commonly pneumonia and pneumococcal peritonitis. These should be treated with the appropriate chemotherapeutic and antibiotic drugs.

## LATENT GLOMERULONEPHRITIS (code No 712 190)

The patient with latent nephritis may or may not give history of an attack of acute glomerulonephritis. In the latent phase although there are no complaints or physical findings the lesion either has not developed or there is insufficient stimulus to cause the entire load of work. The latent phase may last for as long as 20 to 30 years and the patient may die of other intercurrent disease before renal function fails.

### Diagnosis

The only positive findings are occasional red blood cells and casts and transient to persistent albuminuria. The physical examination and all blood findings (hematological and chemical) are normal.

### Treatment

#### A General Measures

- 1 Diet The patient should be on a minimal but adequate diet containing 0.5 to 0.75 Gm protein/Kg. (0.23 to 0.35 Gm/lb) body weight. At least 50% of the protein should consist of dairy products, vegetables and cereals.
- 2 Fluid The patient should be kept free of fluid overload. 3,000 to 4,000 cc (3 to 4 qt) per day.
- 3 Activity The patient should be cautioned against strenuous exercise but should be encouraged to do as much as is possible.
- 4 Physiological consideration Since there is no persistent physiological abnormality no specific treatment is indicated.

**B Complication** Pseudo-bubion of symptoms. Patients with latent nephritis have a characteristic response to any foreign protein intake; this is particularly marked in the case of foreign protein reactions (e.g. vaccination, inoculation, or infections). This reaction is characterized by hematuria (often gross) and a mild increase in proteinuria and white blood cells coming on immediately with the fever and subsiding with the fever. This is not another attack of acute nephritis. There is no delay between infection and renal reaction; no hypertension, no demonstrable anemia.

It is singularly rare to have a second attack of true acute glomerulonephritis. Most cases of so-called second attacks are really recurrences of late nephritis. These recurrences never damage the kidney permanently; the initial attack and one can rarely detect any change in renal status after the attack is over.

- 1 Prophylaxis Because of the association of infection with fever infection and excretion, one should avoid the insults whenever possible. Patient with latent nephritis should not undergo vaccination routinely.
- 2 Treatment There is no treatment of the renal disease other than continued treatment of the latent nephritis. Treatment is aimed entirely at the precipitating cause. The patient should be kept in bed for about 1 week after fever has disappeared and should be allowed up slowly over the next week.

## CHRONIC OR TERMINAL GLOMERULONEPHRITIS

(code No 712 100 0)

It is difficult to say when the terminal or chronic stage begins. It is the time at which signs and symptoms of renal insufficiency develop. It may be very difficult to detect early, but as it develops certain findings appear. Most characteristic are the (1) elevation of blood N P N, (2) development of anemia, (3) gradual elevation of blood pressure, and (4) presence of a few casts and red blood cells in the urine. However, the blood protein is normal, edema is absent early, and there is slight proteinuria. This stage may last from several months to a few years.

### Diagnosis

A history of acute or subacute nephritis may be elicited. The physical findings vary with the severity of the disease, but hypertension with its associated vascular changes is the most common finding. Edema usually appears and may be due to cardiac or renal failure. The urine has a low or fixed specific gravity. There is a mild to moderate proteinuria. The sediment contains a few red cells and broad casts (renal failure casts) and a few epithelial cells. As anemia develops, increased blood urea nitrogen, alterations in electrolyte balance, and a decrease in serum proteins occur.

### General Treatment

- A Diet. As the blood N P N and creatinine begin to rise, any increase in protein intake is followed by a marked rise in N P N. The patient's protein intake must be restricted to 0.5 Gm /Kg (0.23 Gm /lb) body weight, plus the urinary losses.
- B Fluids are forced to 3,000-4,000 cc (3-4 qt) per day.
- C Treatment of Physiological Abnormalities. As the N P N continues to rise and renal failure becomes more severe, there is a progressive tendency to acidosis and altered electrolyte balance. The kidneys become unable to form ammonia or conserve fixed base, and fixed base elements consequently begin to decrease in the blood.
  - 1 Early in the terminal phase these are replaced by oral use of salts. Either of the following may be used:
    - a Calcium lactate 3.5 Gm (45-75 gr) daily
    - b A mixture of the following salts:
 

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Sodium citrate   | 100.0 3xxv |
| Calcium chloride | 3.0 gr vi  |

 Sig: 2 Gm (30 gr or 1/2 tsp) in 1 glass water t i d
  - 2 Alkalinizing urine. The urine should be maintained at a pH greater than 8.0 with sodium citrate or sodium bicarbonate 1.2 Gm (15-30 gr) q i d. This is done to help prevent cast formation in the collecting tubules.
  - 3 Hospital treatment. As uremia becomes more marked and acidosis more profound, nausea and vomiting develop. It is generally necessary to place the patient in the hospital in order that the electrolyte balance may be adjusted as needed with I V fluids (see page 23). Uremia must also be treated (see next page).

## HEALED GLOMERULONEPHRITIS

Any patient who has had an attack of acute glomerulonephritis has undoubtedly suffered permanent destruction of some of the nephrons. The lesion is said to be healed when there is no longer any evidence of activity and the number of remaining functioning nephrons is great enough so that no impairment in function of structure can be found. However, there is no way of estimating how many nephrons this may be. It is always possible that the number functioning is barely sufficient to satisfy the ever-greater demand of the body.

Follow-up

Subsequent to this may arise sufficient additional nephron damage to bring about a late glomerulonephritis. Patients with healed glomerulonephritis must therefore be submitted to a modification of necessarily rigid protein restriction and should have periodic examinations at least once a year for life.

## UREMIA (code No. 551)

Uremia is a physiological state resulting from renal insufficiency which may be defined as an alteration in electrolyte balance with retention of nitrogenous and other waste products. Although uremia is most frequently seen in the terminal phase of chronic renal disease it does not necessarily imply an elevated urea. Some cases of uremia may clinically be due to other causes resulting from electrolyte retention secondary to obstruction. In the management of uremia one should remember that the alterations in electrolyte balance are more important than the elevation of the N.P.N. and that the respiratory should be aimed primarily at preventing and treating the acidosis which develops.

Pathology Physiology of Renal InsufficiencyA. Renal Insufficiency

1. Glomerular filtration is decreased and produces an elevation of the serum N.P.N., phosphorus, acid, and other fixed radicals. This leads to metabolic acidosis (see page 20). The serum phosphorus rises and the serum calcium tends to fall.
2. Tubular function is depressed and the kidney loses its power to manufacture  $\text{NH}_4$  (which combines with fixed base); this leads to loss of the fixed bases sodium, potassium, and calcium, which if not replaced contributes to acidosis (see page 20).

B. General Metabolic Effects Anemia develops gradually due apparently to bone marrow depression. Loss of calcium in urine with consequent low serum calcium and high serum phosphorus leads to parathyroid hyperplasia; phosphorus is not necessarily lowered however and remains elevated. The serum protein may become lowered.

Diagnosis

The clinical physiology leads to the clinical manifestation of uremia. There is a variable but usually a rather marked lethargy.

heads he pruritus and weakness. Late uremia is characterized by acidosis and dehydration. In addition tetany may result from lowered serum calcium and muscular weakness may occur if serum potassium is lowered. The blood N P N sulfate and phosphorus are elevated the serum potassium is variable and the serum sodium calcium and  $\text{CO}_2$  are lowered. A normocytic anemia is present. Coma is superimposed later.

### Treatment

#### A Early

- 1 Diet Protein must be restricted to 0.5 Gm /kg (0.23 Gm /lb ) body weight plus the amount lost in urine. This tends to reduce N P N and serum sulfate (see page 294)
- 2 Fluids and electrolytes Force fluids orally to 3 000-4 000 cc (3-4 qt ) per day. Give calcium lactate and salt mixture by mouth as for terminal glomerulonephritis (see page 300). This helps keep the electrolytes in balance.

#### B Late

##### 1 General measures

- a Diet As above Protein restriction is very important
- b Fluids

- (1) Force fluids orally to 3 000-4 000 cc (3-4 qt ) daily unless patient is anuric
- (2) I V fluids and salts should be given as necessary to maintain normal electrolyte balance (see page 21)

##### c Electrolytes

- (1) Continue use of salt mixture (see page 300)
- (2) Aluminum hydroxide gel 15 cc (4 dr or 1 Tbsp ) q i d orally aids in reducing the hyperphosphatemia (causes precipitation of insoluble phosphates in bowel) and so helps to elevate serum calcium and prevent tetany
- (3) Calcium gluconate or lactate 10 cc (2½ dr ) of 10% solution I V is useful p r n to prevent tetany
- d Transfusions of carefully matched blood may be used to control anemia. All other forms of treatment to combat anemia are without benefit.

- 2 Complications of treatment In the treatment of uremia the physician is apt to encounter a therapeutic dilemma. In the course of attempting to correct the electrolyte balance the amount of sodium that must be administered may cause the patient to develop cardiac failure. Little can be done for the patient at this time he has almost no cardiac or renal reserve remaining.

#### C Terminal

- 1 Calcium lactate or gluconate 10 cc (2½ dr ) of 10% solution I V p r n to control tetany and convulsions
- 2 Magnesium sulfate 1 Gm (15 gr ) (10 cc of a 10% solution) I V p r n for restlessness and convulsions. Caution Have I V calcium salts ready in syringe (see page 296)
- 3 Paraldehyde 20 cc (5 dr ) in 30 cc (Fox ) of oil rectally or 4-8 cc (1-2 dr ) I M as necessary for sedation

## EXTRARENAL AZOTEMIA

Extrarenal azotemia is the abnormal accumulation of nitrogenous waste products in the presence of normal or potentially normal renal function. The most common cause is a decreased effective circulating blood volume with inadequate glomerular filtration such as occurs in shock, dehydration, etc. The condition also occurs in massive gastrointestinal bleeding where there is a sudden excess of protein digestion and absorption plus decreased circulating blood volume.

### Treatment

Treatment is aimed entirely at the correction of the underlying condition rather than renal disease present. Fluids and electrolytes sufficient to restore the blood chemistry to normal should be given.

## ACUTE RENAL FAILURE

(Lower Nephron Nephrosis code No 713 y009)

(Due to Hemoglobinemia Following Transfusion code No 713 38x9)

### Pathological Physiology

It has long been demonstrated that the acute renal failure (liguriosis) which occurs in various types of toxic conditions presents the same clinical and pathological picture irrespective of the etiology. This condition is most often induced by one of the following: (1) intravascular hemolytic reactions (e.g., transfusion reactions); (2) rushing injuries; (3) burns; (4) chemical toxicity of some types (e.g., carbon tetrachloride, sulfonamide); (5) toxemia of pregnancy; and (6) nontraumatic hemolysis. Although the pathogenesis is variable, the histopathologic picture is the same and consists primarily of focal degeneration of the distal convoluted tubule with blood casts in the lower nephron and collecting tubule.

In most mild to moderate cases the kidneys will often spontaneously in 1 to 14 days (if the patient can be kept alive that long). In more severe cases the renal shutdown may be permanent. The evidence suggests that if the patient survives recovery is complete and that complete healing of the kidneys may occur in a short time, 2 to 4 weeks.

### Differential

- Pathology of Shock: At the onset symptoms of shock may be the only findings. Hemoglobin may be found in urine.
- Pathology of Renal Shutdown (May Last 14 or More Days): The pathologic symptoms are but if the kidneys persist the manifestations of uremia will occur: height gain, peripheral edema, and the rales or pulmonary edema may be found. If the patient becomes overhydrated due to over-treatment with fluids, the drowning is the most common cause of death.
- Pathology of Recovery: The diuresis which follows renal shutdown may be marked and accentuated and may lead to dehydration. Muscular weakness (due to low serum potassium) and tetany (due to low serum calcium) may occur. The blood BUN

usually does not return to normal until 2-4 weeks after initial recovery of the kidney has occurred

### Treatment

#### A. Emergency

- 1 SHOCK Since many cases are associated with traumatic or burn injuries the renal ischemia associated with shock may play a role in the pathogenesis. Immediate and vigorous therapy aimed at overcoming the shock is important (see page 31)
- 2 Immediate alkalization of the urine in cases of transfusion reaction may help prevent the precipitation of acid heme compounds in the renal tubules. Give sodium bicarbonate 5-10 Gm (75-150 gr) orally at once. Check the urine pH every 1-2 hours and give sufficient sodium bicarbonate to keep the urine alkaline.

#### B. Oliguric or Anuric Phase The management of the patient in this phase is very difficult and should be carried out only by trained personnel in a hospital able to determine chemically the entire electrolyte panel (See page 21)

- 1 Weigh patient accurately daily. Weight gain means fluid retention and this must be avoided.
- 2 Fluid restriction This is one of the foremost principles in therapy. In the past patients were often drowned to death in an effort to promote diuresis. Usually 800-1500 cc of fluid is the maximum allowed daily. If patient is not losing excess fluids (as by vomiting, diarrhea, or excess sweating with fever) the insensible water loss is the only fluid which must be replaced. This can be calculated as follows: 0.6 Gm or 0.6 cc water/Kg (4 cc or 1 dr /15 lb) body weight per hour or 15 cc water/Kg (7 cc /lb) per day. This may be taken orally. If vomiting occurs the fluid may be given I.V. as 10-15% or more concentrated glucose given slowly and carefully so as to avoid infiltration. The amount given must be estimated clinically but under no circumstances should the patient be allowed to gain weight (keep an accurate record of weight) for this probably represents fluid retention. If patient is vomiting, has diarrhea, or is sweating, give additional fluids to replace this loss.
- 3 Electrolytes The electrolyte pattern should be examined daily and every attempt made to keep the electrolyte values within normal ranges. Give electrolytes as needed orally or parenterally. Give calcium gluconate 10 cc (2 1/2 dr) 10% solution I.V. for convulsions.
- 4 Diet A high carbohydrate and high caloric diet without protein will prevent endogenous protein breakdown and slow down the accumulation of protein breakdown products (i.e. urea, organic acids, and potassium). In the absence of vomiting a simple way to supply fluid and food is as follows: Pass a small polyethylene plastic tube intranasally into the stomach. Calculate the amount of fluid necessary over 24 hours and to this add lactose and salad oil to give the number of calories required for maintenance. This mixture may then be emulsified in a blender by adding 2-5 cc of Tween 80.





organisms may also cause infection. The diagnosis is usually suggested by the presenting symptoms and signs and is confirmed by the microscopic examination of the urine sediment and bacteriological examination of a sterile urine specimen.

A chronic or recurrent infection, particularly if resistant to antibacterial agents, suggests obstruction and urinary stasis. The final clearing of such infection is dependent upon the correction of the obstruction.

### General Principles of Treatment

- A Correction of structural abnormalities which produce stasis is of utmost importance. In cases with remediable defects, urinary tract infections may disappear spontaneously or be easily cured as soon as the defect is corrected. The permanent eradication of infection in the presence of such obstruction is usually impossible. The diagnosis of obstruction usually requires cystoscopy and/or excretion or retrograde pyelography. Treatment is generally surgical.
- B Treatment of the infection with suitable chemotherapeutic or antibiotic agents as determined by bacteriological studies.
  - 1 Careful examination of fresh sterile urine specimen (2nd glass specimen in male, catheterized specimen in female) for presence of pus and Gram's stain for preliminary identification of organism.
  - 2 Bacteriological identification of organism and determination of sensitivity of organism to antibiotic agents whenever possible. The latter is of special importance when streptomycin, Aureomycin® or Chloromycetin® are to be used, because adequate dosage must be assured to eradicate infection before organism resistance develops (see page 514).

## INFECTIONS OF THE KIDNEY

### Diagnosis

The manifestations of all infections of the kidney are similar but they vary in intensity with the severity of the infection. Symptoms include lumbar pain which usually radiates into the lower genitourinary tract but may radiate elsewhere, chills, fever, and nausea and vomiting as well as frequency, urgency, and dysuria. There is usually moderate to marked costovertebral angle tenderness. Examination of a sterile urine specimen for pus and organisms is necessary to make the diagnosis and to select the proper antibacterial agent.

- A Pyelitis (code No. 722.100). Simple infection of the renal pelvis which does not affect kidney function.
- B Pyelonephritis (code No. 719.100). Renal infection which depresses kidney function and which in the chronic form may produce effects similar to those of chronic glomerulonephritis.
- C Pyonephrosis (code No. 722.100.2). Renal infection of greater severity than pyelonephritis with pus in the renal pelvis. Renal and perirenal abscesses are surgical diseases of the kidney.

TreatmentA Specific Measures

- 1 Antibiotic therapy should be given as soon as causative organism is identified and as soon as sensitivity tests have been conducted to determine dosage (see page 514)
- 2 Surgical treatment of any removable obstruction should be carried out when acute symptoms have subsided. Diagnostic studies of the urinary tract should be deferred until the acute phase has passed

B General Measures

- 1 Bed rest until completely asymptomatic
- 2 Fluids If the kidney function is not depressed and there are no other contraindications fluids should be forced. Maintain daily urinary output of 1500 cc or more
- 3 Analgesic and sedative as necessary for the comfort of the patient

C Treatment of Chronic Pyelonephritis

Therapy for chronic pyelonephritis in which the kidneys have been moderately to markedly damaged. Infection in the kidneys is very difficult to eradicate. Additional suggested the continued use of small doses of a sulfonamide drug 100-200 mg (1½-3 gr) tid qid (if other measures have been taken to eradicate the infection) in the hope that the small doses might stop or slow down the progression of the disease. Once this therapy is begun it should probably be carried on for life.

Terminal pyelonephritis is handled the same as terminal glomerulonephritis (see page 300)

**CYSTITIS**

(Acute code No 730 100) (Chronic code No 730 100 0)

Definition

Inflammation of the bladder is many times more common in women than in men and is most commonly due to Escherichia coli. It must be differentiated from urethritis which has similar manifestations

A Symptoms Micturition dysuria, urgency and frequency. If severe the patient may have at times urinary retention. Chills and fever may occur. When infection is very severe hematuria may develop

B Signs Suprapubic tenderness may be present

C Laboratory Examination

- 1 Organism and pus will be found in the urinary sediment of a properly collected specimen
- 2 Organism must be identified by examination of stained smears (methylen blue or Gram's) and by culture for purposes of isolation of the antibiotic agent (see page 514)
- 3 Two-glass test may be used to differentiate urethritis from cystitis in the male. Examine the urine grossly and microscopically. If the urine in the second glass is cloudy the infection is in the urethra. If the urine is turbid, the bladder is infected (Use 3 colored glass beakers or glasses)
  - a First glass consist of 4-6 cc of urine and contains the elements from the urethra

- b Second glass contains the remainder of the urine from the bladder
- c A third glass may be collected after prostatic massage. In this method the patient must retain some urine in the bladder to wash out any residual material
- D Cystoscopy May be necessary to determine the presence of obstruction, upper urinary infection, or source of bleeding. This must not be done during the acute phase.

### Treatment

#### A Specific Measures

- 1 Antibacterial agents Select the appropriate drug by bacteriological examination and sensitivity tests (see page 514)
- 2 Surgery Correct any remediable obstruction after the acute stage has subsided

#### B General Measures

- 1 Bed rest if severe
- 2 Fluids If urination is painful, fluids should not be forced. When dysuria has subsided, maintain a high urine output.
- 3 Bladder sedatives and analgesics
  - a For severe pain. Mild local anesthesia can be obtained by bladder instillation of 2% solution of Metycaine Hydrochloride® or 1:1000 (0.1%) solution of Nupercaine®. Allow the anesthetic to remain in the bladder for 10 minutes by placing a clamp on the catheter. After draining off the anesthetic, instill 10 cc of 5% solution of mild silver protein or 1:10,000 silver nitrate solution and leave in the bladder.
  - b For tenesmus. Treat as for dysuria (see page 292)

## **TUBERCULOSIS OF THE URINARY TRACT**

(Kidney code No 710 123) (Bladder code No 730 123)

Chronic tuberculosis of the urinary tract usually occurs first in the kidney and involves the bladder secondarily. A history of bladder irritation is usually present; the urine contains pus and a few r b c, but there generally are no organisms. The urinary sediment must be examined microscopically and bacteriologically (culture and guinea pig inoculation) for acid fast bacilli. If tubercle bacilli are found, determine the primary urogenital site of the infection and whether renal disease is unilateral or bilateral.

### Treatment

- A Treatment of renal tuberculosis with the newer anti-tuberculous chemotherapeutic agents stops progression and may effect cures in some cases. Therapy is the same as that advocated for pulmonary or other systemic tuberculosis. The use of intermittent streptomycin plus para-aminosalicylic acid for long periods of time (1 to 3 years) has been used most extensively. 1 Gm (15 gr) streptomycin [or 0.5 Gm streptomycin and 0.5 Gm dihydrostreptomycin] every 3rd day and 12 Gm (3600 mg) PAS daily in divided doses seems to be an adequate schedule.
- 1 Surgery If unilateral tuberculosis is found and if the kidney is seriously involved, nephrectomy with subsequent streptomycin

therapy should be considered. This would appear to help to cure any lower tract tuberculosis that may be present.  
 C Symptomatic and supportive measures as necessary

## OTHER DISORDERS OF THE URINARY TRACT

### CARCINOMA OF PROSTATE (Adenocarcinoma code No 764 8091)

#### Diagnosis

The vast majority of prostatic carcinomas can be diagnosed by the finding of a hard gland or area within the gland on rectal examination. Confirmation of the diagnosis is made by needle biopsy and the finding of an elevated acid serum phosphatase. X-rays of the pelvis and lower spine are taken to determine the presence of metastases.

#### Treatment

A Early Cases Treatment of choice is radical surgical removal. This is reserved only for cases in which (1) there is no evidence of metastases (2) the gland is not fixed to surrounding tissue (3) the patient is otherwise a good surgical risk and has a good life expectancy.

#### B All Other Cases

1 Hormonotherapy. The estrogens have been found to be of great benefit in relieving the pain associated with metastases and in arresting the progression of the disease (in some cases actually causing a regression). The widest experience has been gained with Diethylstilbestrol, U.S.P., Stilbestrol, B.P. and Ethinyl Estradiol, N.N.R.

##### a Dosage

- (1) Average maintenance dosage: Diethylstilbestrol 1 mg (150 gr) or ethinyl estradiol 0.1 mg (1500 gr) per day orally for life.
- (2) If no or poor response may increase as follows: Diethylstilbestrol 2-3 mg (300-450 gr) or ethinyl estradiol 0.2-0.3 mg (300-450 gr) per day.
- (3) Some authorities feel that one of the pyones should give diethylstilbestrol 5-10 mg (75-150 gr) or ethinyl estradiol 0.5-1.0 mg (75-150 gr) per day.

##### b Toxicities

- (1) Nausea and vomiting may occur but usually disappears as the drug is continued. If a severe diminution in dosage and increase in tolerance develops.
- (2) Proliferation and enlargement of the breast usually develop on continued dosage but this is no contraindication to continued therapy.
- 3 Orchiectomy. The results to date agree that bilateral orchiectomy plus estrogens is of great value in the treatment of prostatic carcinoma.
- 4 General supportive measures such as surgical removal of a prostatic urinary obstruction etc. should be employed.
- 5 Bilateral orchiectomy and adrenal removal (with cortisone and estrogen maintenance) in order to remove all possible

androgens must still be considered experimental. To date the results in most cases seem little better than orchiectomy plus estrogens alone.

### UROLITHIASIS

(Renal Calculus code No 719-615) (Ureteral Calculus code No 723-615) (Renal Colic code No 711)

Renal colic is usually caused by the passage of a renal calculus into and down the ureter. It is characterized by a sudden onset of severe pain in the lumbar region of the affected side radiating to groin bladder testes inner thigh, or to other adjacent areas. The pain requires narcotics sometimes in large doses for relief. Nausea and vomiting may occur but no other constitutional symptoms are present unless there is a pre-existing infection. Urine output is reduced and hematuria is commonly seen. Some stones may pass without symptoms.

#### Treatment

##### A. ANALGESIC MEASURES

- 1 Narcotics for relief of pain. These may have to be repeated if pain is severe.
  - a Morphine sulfate or hydrochloride 15 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) I V or subcut Stat. Atropine sulfate 0.5-0.75 mg ( $\frac{1}{20}$ - $\frac{1}{10}$  gr) may be given with the morphine.
  - b Meperidine Hydrochloride Injection U.S.P. (Demerol® Dolantine®) 0.100 Gm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) I M or orally in place of morphine. This has a minor atropine like effect in addition to its narcotic action.
- 2 Heat over the affected flank and lateral abdominal area may give some relief. This can be given as warm moist towels, heat pad, or warm tub bath.

##### B. General Measures

- 1 Fluids. If patient does not develop anuria or oliguria fluids should be forced in order to maintain a high urine flow. Fluids should be given I V if vomiting prevents oral administration. Any individual who has had a renal calculus should be encouraged to drink large amounts of fluids at all times.
- 2 Check carefully for passage of stone. If this does not occur patient should be examined by x-ray for position of stone.
- 3 Attempt to recover stone by having patient void through a funnel layered with several thicknesses of gauze.

C. Surgery If a stone becomes lodged in the ureter it should be removed surgically to prevent hydronephrosis.

D. Coexisting infection should be treated with suitable antibacterial agents (see page 514).

#### Prophylaxis

A. Correction of Underlying Disease Treat any disorder which may cause or assist stone formation. These include hyperparathyroidism (see page 377) urinary obstruction and urinary infection (see page 306). Every patient with urinary tract calculi should have at least one serum calcium and phosphorus determination to rule out hyperparathyroidism.

B. Fluids Any patient who has had a renal calculus must be encouraged to drink large amounts of fluid at all times.

## Chapter 12

# DISEASES OF THE MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

## INTRODUCTION

### Classification of Rheumatic Diseases

- 1 Arthritis due to specific infection acute or chronic
- 2 Arthritis due to rheumatic fever
- 3 Arthritis humeral
- 4 Degenerative joint disease
- 5 Arthritis due to diabetes mellitus
- 6 Arthritis due to gout
- 7 Other arthropathies (due to uric acid, neoplastic metastasis, secular hemoglobinopathy, idiopathic, and unknown cause)
- 8 Fibrositis myositis bursitis

### Examination of the Patient

The examination of the patient with rheumatic disease should include a careful history and physical examination with special emphasis on determining the functional status of the joints (a lack of motion, a kyphosis, deformity, atrophy, etc.). Routine laboratory tests include a blood sedimentation rate and x-ray of one or more of the involved joints essential to complete the diagnostic picture. Additional studies may include determination of the blood uric acid, aspiration and examination of joint fluid, and laboratory immunologic and other tests for specific infection. The test is important not only from a diagnostic standpoint but also serves to provide a basis for planning the therapy and evaluating the clinical progress of the patient.

The differential diagnosis of the four major forms of arthritis are to be found in the table on pages 312 and 313.

## RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (code No 24 1 0)

Rheumatoid arthritis (a progressively deforming disease) is a chronic disabling systemic disease of undetermined origin. It is ordinarily considered as involving primarily the joints, but it is a systemic capable of involving most of the tissues of the body, particularly those of mesodermal origin, including lymph nodes, bone marrow, liver, spleen, gastrointestinal tract, endocrine system, pericardium, kidneys, connective tissue, and the muscular tissue. The disease may involve any or all joints and is of varying severity. Pathologic processes leading to pain in the

DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MAJOR FEATURES OF ARTHRITIS

|  | Rheumatoid Arthritis  | Arthritis Due to Specific Infection  | Degenerative Arthritis  | Arthritis Due to Gout  |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| Family history of similar condition        | +   |  | +   | +  |
| Past history                               | Frequent infections   | History of specific infection  |   |  |
| Sex  | Most common in women  | Either sex   | Both sexes  | Usually men  |
| Age at onset                               | Any age usually 20-50   | Any age  | Usually over 40 y are   | Usually over 35 year   |
| General physical status                    | Poor undernourished   | Acute good   | Good but may show   | Good   |
| Type of onset                              | Insidious (subacute)  | Chronic may be poor  | other a nile change   |  |
| Fever                                      |   | Acute infection sudden   | Insidious (slow)  | Sudden (cessation of symptoms also sudden)   |
| Joints involved                            | +   | Chronic infection slow   |   | + (during acute episodes)  |
|  | Any joint often symmetrical with tendency to spread centripetally | + (especially acute)   | Usually the large and weight bearing joints Also distal joints of fingers | Any joint monarticular or polyarticular Especially involves metatarsophalangeal joint of great toe |
| Proximal finger joints especially involved |   | Any joint pyogenic forms are usually monarticular Non pyogenic forms are often polyarticular |   |  |
| Periarticular swelling                     | +   |  |   |  |
| Ankylosis                                  | +   | +  |   | +  |
| Muscle atrophy                             | +   | + (pyogenic)   |   |  |
| Deformities                                | +   | +  |   | +  |
|  |   | + (pyogenic)   |   | + (late)   |





## 314 Rheumatoid Arthritis

peripheral joints early in the disease and ankylosis and deformity are common end results

### Diagnostic Features

#### A Clinical Manifestations (See also the table on page 312-313)

- 1 Non articular manifestations include weakness, anorexia, fever, weight loss, clamminess of skin, muscular aches and tremors, iritis, migratory pleurisy, lymphadenopathy, anemia, and involvement of any of the other above mentioned body tissues
- 2 The acute form of the disease is rare but may run a severe fulminating course associated with high fever, chills, cachexia, and a rapid death
- 3 Mild or transient types of rheumatoid arthritis may occur
- 4 Although certain joints are classically involved, any or all joints may be involved. Joint involvement may be monoarticular, but this is rare
- 5 In rheumatoid arthritis of the spine (rheumatoid spondylitis) the patient may or may not be otherwise healthy but will develop recurrent low back pain associated with progressive stiffness of the spine and reduced chest expansion, often without significant involvement of the peripheral joints

#### B Laboratory Data

- 1 In reased blood sedimentation rate and, less commonly, leukocytosis are considered to be evidence of clinical activity
- 2 X-ray changes of joints and periarticular structures may be quite characteristic (see page 313) and helpful in differentiation from osteoarthritis, although osteoarthritic changes may occur coincidentally in rheumatoid arthritis and thereby confuse the picture

Narrowing of joint spaces and ankylosis of the sacro iliac and apophyseal joints and calcification of the anterior and lateral spinal ligaments may be demonstrated in rheumatoid spondylitis

### Treatment

#### A General Measures

##### 1 Rest

- a Acute illness: Complete bed rest should be reserved for the patient with the acutely active or severe rheumatoid arthritis. Special care, including exercises, should be used to prevent deformities in bed patients, and the affected joints should be placed in the optimal functional position
  - b Mild chronic illness: 1-2 hour rest periods during the daytime as well as 10-12 hours rest in bed at night are essential. Analgesics and sedative drugs (not narcotics) and physical therapy may be used judiciously to insure relaxation, rest, and sleep
- 2 Physical activity: Carefully regulate the daily schedule of activities of the patient and allocate periods for work, play, and exercise, as well as for rest
    - a Ambulatory patients: It is usually necessary to specify the hours and physical limitations for ambulatory patients according to the demands of the individual case

- b Bed rest is not imperative to institute a program of daily systematic exercises to prevent joint stiffness and muscle atrophy. Refer to the section on physical management of arthritic joints (see page 323)
- 3 Diet Food should be simple, nourishing and palatable. An adequate protein and high vitamin diet is usually advisable. Stomach and intestinal disorders are frequent in rheumatoid arthritis. It is often necessary to modify the diet to tolerate. Consider also the balance of increased or decreased according to the patient's weight
- 4 Dietary supplement  
a Ion salts may be indicated if anemia is present (see page 219)  
b Multivitamins The use of a acceptable multivitamin preparations as a general health building measure may be indicated although it is probable that no one of the vitamins has specific therapeutic effect on this condition. Vitamin D High potency vitamin D preparations in divided doses ranging from 50,000-300,000 unit in divided doses have been popularized as being of great value. Toxicity of these vitamin D compounds in prolonged or excessive doses is definite and their effectiveness has been questioned by many investigators. Other individual vitamins have failed to demonstrate significant benefit in arthritis
- 5 Elimination of precipitating factors  
a Infection Evaluate the role of systemic or focal infections only as they may apply to the individual patient. Eliminate possible infections whenever possible. Definitely infected tonsils, etc. may be removed or irradiated. Indicated. It is best to maintain a conservative attitude toward the elimination of questionable focal infections. Particularly when their correction will involve extensive or major surgery. Anti-infective agents should be given only to combat specific infection and not the rheumatoid disease.  
b Psychogenic factors Frequently rheumatoid disease has its onset when the patient is working and living in a stressful environment where he is subjected to undue emotional hostility or tensions.  
c Improve living hygiene For correction of such factors see sections on rest, physical activity and diet (above)
- 6 Psychotherapy  
a Reassure patient and relieve existing anxiety  
b Regulate patient's environment to minimize emotional distress  
c Keep an optimistic and cheerful attitude  
d Explain the nature of the disease and the role of the patient himself in overcoming his illness  
e Enlist aid of a trained psychotherapist in appropriate cases
- 7 Relief of pain Avoid narcotics  
a Analgesic drugs Give analgesics liberally if tolerated to relieve pain as an aid in preventing malalignment and deformity.  
(1) Sodium salicylate 0.6 Gm (10 gr) 4 times a day coated to prevent gastric distress every 2-4 hours as required for pain

(2) Aspirin 0.3-0.6 Gm (5-10 gr) every 2-4 hours  
p r n pain

(3) Analgesic sedative mixture

R Sodium salicylate 10-15 grs iv

Elixir phenobarbital q s ad 120 gr iv

Sig: 4 cc (1 dr or 1 tsp) every 4 hours p r n

- b Sedative drugs Barbiturates can be used effectively in enhancing the action of the analgesic drugs Pheno barbital 15-30 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) 3-4 times daily
- c Physical therapy Physical methods utilizing local heat to involved joints and proper splinting are effective in relieving pain and muscle spasm (see pages 323-334)
- d X ray therapy is of no value in peripheral joint involvement of rheumatoid arthritis in rheumatoid spondylitis however deep or penetrating x ray therapy carefully administered in repeated courses has proved to be of value This treatment must be administered only by trained x ray therapists

**B Hormone Therapy** The hormonal and steroidal agents which are used in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis although representing a significant advance must be considered as only ancillary measures to the comprehensive approach to the treatment of this disease Perhaps the greatest disadvantage which might stem from their use aside from the very serious problem of untoward reactions lies in the tendency of patient and physician alike to neglect the less spectacular but proved benefits which may be derived from general supportive treatment physical therapy and orthopedic and other measures These agents do not represent the long awaited specific anti rheumatic factor and do not cure the disease

- 1 Cortisone acetate and hydrocortisone produce startling results in acute rheumatoid arthritis but unfortunately when the drugs are discontinued the condition regresses quite promptly Subjective improvement may be experienced within 6-48 hours after the initial dose but objective changes such as increased mobility of joints and diminished joint swelling occur more slowly and less constantly The period of remission following discontinuation of these drugs may vary from a few days to a few months It would seem that the principal indications for hormonal therapy in rheumatoid arthritis are for the control of the acute exacerbations of the illness and the prevention of rapid progression due to extensive inflammatory reaction Optimum dosage schedules have still not been established although it would now appear that satisfactory results can be obtained with smaller or more conservative doses than those employed previously It is recommended that initial doses of 75-100 mg (orally or by injection) daily be used until adequate control is achieved Maintenance levels of 25-100 mg daily may be continued in some cases indefinitely Some observers feel that rest periods of 1 month between the 4-6 week courses are advisable However the drugs have been employed continuously now in many patients for several years without apparent harmful effect (see page 423 for further discussion of physiology dosage toxicity etc of cortisone)

- 2 Corticotropin (ACTH) Striking results similar to those obtained with cortisone have been reported (For recommendations and dosage see page 423)
- C Gold Therapy (Chrysotherapy) Although gold salts have been used intensively in rheumatoid arthritis their value remains highly controversial
- 1 Indication Gold therapy is indicated for active rheumatoid arthritis only. Some clinicians feel that it should not be used until a reasonable trial of conservative measures has failed to achieve the desired results. Others feel that the chances for complete remission may be better if gold therapy is used early in the disease.
  - 2 Contraindications Nephritis, hepatic insufficiency, blood dyscrasias (including anemia), hemorrhagic tendency, pregnancy, strong personal history of allergy or allrgies, severe diabetes mellitus, a general skin disorder, ulcerative colitis, cutaneous fever, and tuberculosis.
  - 3 Preparations and dosage The gold salts are usually given on a week beginning with small dose. Initially 10 mg. The weekly dose is increased gradually until the maximum optimum dose is being given. This amount is then continued weekly until the desired response is obtained. The maximum amount is given so that reactions occur. On one or two or more courses of 1000 to 2000 mg of gold salt. Give with interval of 2-6 months between courses. The value of the maintenance dose is small. Regular intervals of therapy are undetermined even among the most supportive of chrysotherapy although many workers are employing this plan at present.

## GOLD PREPARATIONS

| Preparation   | Route of Injection | Clinical One Dose Evaluation Week |   |                                    |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
|   |                    | First Week Dosage                 | Amount of Increase per Week   | Optimum Maximal Weekly Dose        |
| Gold Sodium Thio-sulfate (37% gold in aqueous solution) | I M o<br>I V       | 5 mg                              | 5 mg / week   | Females<br>30 mg<br>Males<br>35 mg |
| Gold Sodium Thio-maleat (50% gold in aqueous solution)  | I M only           | 10 mg                             | Increase to 25 mg in 2nd week if tolerated, increase to 30 mg in 3rd week | 30 mg                              |
| Gold Sodium Thio-glucose (30% gold in oil suspension)   |                    |                                   |   |                                    |

- 4 Toxic reaction An average of 37% of patients (range in various series 8-61%) experience toxic reaction. The mortality rate is about 0.4%. The toxic effects are of the pyrexia type similar to those of other febrile myxomatous nodal diseases (see page 335) and include dermatitis (mild to severe), agranulocytosis, purpura, hepatitis, and

reactions bronchitis aplastic anemia peripheral neuritis nephritis and photosensitization

- a Reduction of frequency and severity of toxic reactions
  - (1) Observe for the contraindications mentioned above
  - (2) Observe patient carefully during the course of gold therapy and for a period of several weeks thereafter
    - (a) Complete medical examination prior to therapy
    - (b) Before each subsequent injection ask patient how he has felt since the previous injection examine the skin and mucous membranes for dermatitis or purpura and examine the urine for albumin and microscopic hematuria
    - (c) Every 2 weeks obtain Hgb WBC and differential
    - (d) When indicated perform special tests such as platelet counts or liver function tests
  - (3) Warn patient against exposure to strong light
  - (4) Withdraw drug immediately if any toxic reactions appear Wait for a few weeks if reaction is mild and clears promptly treatment may be resumed with small doses
  - (5) There is no known method of decreasing the tendency to toxicity in a given individual except perhaps through reduced dosage
- b Treatment of toxic reactions
  - (1) Withdraw drug immediately if early toxic reactions appear
  - (2) Treat reactions as for arsenical poisoning (see page 536)
    - (a) Try BAL® on all cases (see page 538)
    - (b) For treatment of agranulocytosis see page 231
- c Masked toxicity If gold salts are used during hormonal therapy a toxic reaction may be masked appearing with explosive violence when the hormones are stopped Therefore use gold salts with great caution during hormonal therapy

### OSTEOARTHRITIS (code No 240 912)

A chronic degenerative joint disease of undetermined cause usually of late adult life associated with varying degrees of symptoms and/or disability of multiple joints Ankylosis of joints does not take place except in the spine

#### Diagnostic Features (See table on page 312 313)

- A These may exist with a complete absence of symptoms when symptoms are present they are usually mild
- B Joint Symptoms Includ
  - 1 Stiffness which improves with mild activity
  - 2 Aching and pain aggravated by exertion or injury and relieved by heat rest and immobilization
  - 3 Swelling usually without joint effusion
  - 4 Deformity and malalignment occurs as a result of irregular degeneration
- C Secondary Symptoms Radicular pains occur when joint changes

In the spine cause irritation of the spinal nerve roots

### Treatment

A General Measures Most of the general measures indicated for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis are applicable here. Emphasis must be placed upon

- 1 Adequate diet with total calories adjusted to meet the patient's body needs. Weight reduction is very important in obese patients to help diminish stress on joints.
- 2 Adequate rest and sleep. Avoidance of overfatigue is especially important.
- 3 Avoidance of physical activity which would cause undue trauma to joints.
- 4 Correct posture (see page 333).

### B Drug

- 1 Salicylates are indicated for the relief of pain and in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (see page 318).
- 2 Thyroid extract may be indicated in the asymptomatic who have coexisting hypothyroidism.

C For local treatment of joints (see page 333). Complete rest and immobilization of an involved joint for short periods may be instituted without fear of complicating ankylosis. Although one must consider other harmful effects of bed rest in such patients (see page 2).

TABLE OF DIFFERENCES IN RESPONSE TO THERAPY

|  | Rheumatoid Arthritis   | Osteoarthritis   |
|--|--|--|
| Rest                                     | Complete rest and immobilization attended by danger of ankylosis                       | Complete rest diminishes mobility of joints. is often indicated for variable periods. Little danger of ankylosis |
| Exercise                                 | Encouraged as far as possible in the early phase of the disease                        | Mild exercise is advised as stiffness and discomfort, but undue exercise is harmful                              |
| Massage                                  | Light massage over the joint may be indicated in the convalescent or chronic condition | Massage should be avoided directly over the bony overgrowths of the involved joint                               |
| Chrysotherapy<br>Peripheral<br>injection | Often effective  | No response. Not indicated   |
| X-ray therapy<br>Peripheral<br>injection | No response  | Sometimes effective in relief of pain  |
| Surgery                                  | Often effective in relief of pain  | Usually successful   |

## GONOCOCCAL ARTHRITIS (code No 24 103)

A specific infectious arthritis caused by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (gonococcus) occurring as a secondary complication of primary infection of the genitourinary tract or conjunctivae

### Diagnostic Features

History of previous genitourinary or ocular gonococcal infection and possibly of genitourinary trauma. Rheumatoid arthritis complicated by unrelated gonorrhoea occurs more commonly than gonococcal arthritis *per se*

#### A Acute Phase

1 Fever Mild to moderate Occasionally chills

2 Laboratory findings

a Leukocytosis Mild (10 000-15 000)

b Blood cultures Rarely positive

#### B Arthritic Phase (Joint Tendon and Bursa Involvement)

1 Early Evanescent polyarticular joint involvement of 3-7 days duration Joints red warm swollen and painful

2 Late Knees (74%) ankles (56%) feet (32%) wrists (16%) most frequently involved joints

a Joints initially red warm swollen and painful

b Ankylosis may occur in untreated cases

3 Laboratory findings

a Gonococcal complement fixation test Doubtful value especially if positive since positive complement fixation tests are known to persist many years after genital infection

b Cultures of synovial fluid with special culture media are the most reliable method of diagnosis but are difficult to perform

### Treatment

A General Measures See general measures as discussed in management of rheumatoid arthritis (page 311) and physical measures in the management of the acute phase of involvement of the various joints (page 323)

B Specific Treatment Penicillin 25 000-50 000 units 1 M every 3 hours for 7-10 days If improvement is not apparent in 3-4 days give intra-articular injections of penicillin 10 000-20 000 units daily into the larger involved joints

### BURSITIS

(Due to Infection Acute code No 25 190  
Chronic code No 25 190 0)

(Due to Trauma Acute code No 25 4x0  
Chronic code No 25 4x0 0)

(Due to Unknown Causes code No 25 930)

Bursitis is an acute or chronic inflammation of any of the numerous bursae of the body. It may result from trauma, acute or chronic infection, or from unknown causes. Localized pain, tenderness and swelling may be observed at points around joints corresponding to anatomic bursae. Pain and limitation of motion of





is very common even in asymptomatic periods. X-ray evidence of punched out areas about the joints is almost diagnostic but this occurs late

### Treatment of the Acute Attacks

#### A Specific Measures

- 1 Colchicine U.S.P. B.P. is the drug of choice. It should be given as early as possible in the acute attack or during the prodromata to obtain maximum benefit. Give 0.5 mg ( $\frac{1}{120}$  gr) every 1 hour or 1 mg ( $\frac{1}{60}$  gr) every 2 hours until there is relief from pain or until nausea or diarrhea appear then stop the drug. The usual total dose to achieve this is 4.5 mg ( $\frac{1}{16}$  gr) and the pain and swelling will subside in 24-72 hours. Once the patient knows the dose that produces toxic symptoms the drug should be given in a single dose of about 1 mg ( $\frac{1}{60}$  gr) less than this. Then continue colchicine 0.5 mg ( $\frac{1}{120}$  gr) b.i.d. q.i.d. until attack has completely subsided. If diarrhea becomes too severe treat as for any acute diarrhea (see page 258).
- 2 Corticotropin (ACTH) and cortisone may provide dramatic symptomatic relief in acute episodes of gout but since colchicine seems to be about equally effective and provides a more lasting effect the latter still appears to be the drug of choice. It has been observed that when ACTH and cortisone are discontinued shortly after termination of attacks many patients will promptly relapse unless colchicine is given.

#### B General Measures

##### 1 Drugs

- a Analgesics. At times the pain of an acute attack may be so severe that relief of pain is necessary before colchicine becomes effective. In these cases codeine, with or without aspirin, may be given. Morphine should be avoided for fear of addiction in this chronic disease.
- b Cinchophen or neocinchophen should not be used.
- 2 Rest. Bed rest seems very important in the management of the acute attack. Bed rest should be continued for about 24 hours after the acute attack has completely subsided. Early ambulation may precipitate a recurrence.
- 3 Physical therapy is of little value during the acute attack although hot or cold compresses to the affected joints may make some patients more comfortable.

### Interim Treatment

A Specific Measures. Therapy aimed at prevention of acute attacks has been generally quite discouraging.

#### B General Measures

##### 1 Diet

- a Low purine. Most low purine diets (low weekly allowance of meat and avoidance of kidney, liver, sweetbreads, sardines, anchovies, meat extractives) tend to become nutritionally inadequate and often fail to influence the hyperuricemia or course of the disease. However, in gouty arthritis the restriction of high purine foods appears to be of great importance in prevention of progression of the disease.

- b Alcohol Alcohol has often been blamed as a precipitant of acute attacks. However, there is little evidence that alcohol in moderation will do this or is at all harmful in this condition.
- 2 Colchicine The daily use of colchicine is controversial and the drug is rarely effective in preventing attacks. If it fails to reduce incidence of attacks, it should be reserved for acute attacks.

### Treatment of Complications

- A Chronic Gouty Arthritis In recent years the outlook for patients with this disease has greatly improved. In many cases the progress of the disease is arrested and in some cases absorption of gouty deposits may occur. This condition is best treated by a low purine diet and the new uricosuric drugs.
- 1 Uricosuric drugs
    - a. Probenecid (Benemid®) an agent which blocks the tubular reabsorption of filtered uric acid has been employed in doses of 0.5 Gm b.i.d. to q.i.d. for long periods and has been reported to provide relief in chronic gouty arthritis. Acute episodes of gout may occasionally be precipitated by this treatment but it is claimed that these diminish as further continued treatment. Full doses of colchicine may be used with Benemid®.
    - b. Sulfinpyrazone (Rheumatrex®) Large doses of sulfinpyrazone (up to 5 Gm.) daily have been reported to produce a uricosuric effect similar to the above with relief of symptoms. Do not use concurrently with Benemid®.
    - c. Phenylbutazone (Butolidin®) H. Bee report that phenylbutazone is effective in acute and chronic gout complicated by lowering of serum uric acid. The drug is administered orally as enteric coated tablets 100 mg. 1-3 tablets daily according to need. Toxicity includes nausea, irritation of peptic ulcers, vertigo, rash and dermatitis.
  - 2 Surgery may offer some help in relieving tophaceous deposits but is not always effective.
- B Renal Complication The formation of uric acid calculi may be reduced if patients are given a good fluid intake of 3000 cc. of fluid daily. Once all uric acid has formed little can be done to dissolve the stone although flushing fluids and alkalinizing the urine with 8-16 Gm (2-4 d.) of sodium lactate or sodium citrate per day may be helpful. This is in preventing further formation.

## PHYSICAL MANAGEMENT OF ARTHRITIC JOINTS (PHYSICAL THERAPY)

### General Principles

Conservative principles which apply to the treatment of diseased joints are emphasized.

1 A range of support the treatment is comfortable positions which will provide for patient's rest and use in the event that joint motion be subsequently lost.

2 In the early stages of arthritis after the acute process

has subsided employ careful active exercises or passive mobilization early and regularly as tolerated in order to prevent deformity and to preserve joint motion

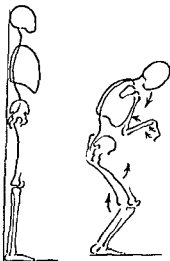
3 Avoid measures which cause a persistent increase in symptoms. So called routine measures e.g. heat are not uniformly tolerated by patients. The correct balance of heat massage rest and exercise must be planned for each patient

4 Patients with joint disease (particularly rheumatoid or suppurative arthritis) are in constant threat of deformity. Guard particularly against flexion deformities

5 The services of a specialist in physical therapy should be utilized whenever possible

6 If the arthritis is severe the course of the disease seems unfavorable or ankylosis appears inevitable early consultation with a specialist is imperative. Special orthopedic measures such as manipulation under anesthesia traction special casts braces and corsets and surgical measures including arthroplasty capsulectomy tenotomy arthrodesis and synovectomy may be required

7 Emphasize to the patient the importance of complete cooperation and his responsibility with the physical therapy program at home as well as in the office or hospital. Stress the importance of year round continuance of treatment if necessary. Instruct the patient and/or his family and friends as to the exact and proper use of heat immobilization and passive mobilization under home conditions



Normal Posture and the Deforming Tendencies of Joint Disease

## OPTIMAL FUNCTIONAL POSITION OF JOINTS

Should ankylosis seem inevitable despite of qual therapy o desirable early orthopedic consultation is imperative. The following table gives certain commonly accepted optimal functional position in which joints may be permitted to fuse. It must be emphasized however that a given position is functional for a given individual depending upon such factors as living habits, occupation, reaction and personal preferences.

| Joint    | Position   |
|----------|--|
| Shoulder | Arm abducted at about 75° the elbow joint placed in line with the anterior chest and with partial pronation of the forearm.  |
| Elbow    | Elbow at slightly less than 90° with the forearm in a position midway between supination and pronation. Examples: laborers fill supination; clerical workers fill pronation. |
| Wrist    | Slight (30°) deviation   |
| Hand     | Partial flexion of fingers and metacarpophalangeal joints and partial position of thumb.   |
| Hip      | Unilateral in extension with minimal abduction and minimal lateral rotation.<br>Bilateral involvement: Slight flexion of each hip joint and both adducted.                   |
| Knee     | At the individual's full extension. Sedentary individuals 35° of flexion.<br>Young individuals with active epiphyses: Only light flexion.                                    |
| Ankle    | Foot at 90° angle with leg minimally elevated.   |

## REST IMMOBILIZATION AND SUPPORT

### Spine

Rest in a comfortable position on a flat firm bed without pillow at head is essential. A 3-5 ft plywood or other impervious type of bedboard placed under a thin, firm hair or felt mattress is adequate immobilization and support of the spine by simple well applied adhesive taping may give prompt temporary relief. Suitable cast or back braces may be employed on ambulatory patients with mild symptoms. Special body molds (plastic shell) or rigid jackets may be advised by the orthopedist for patient confined to bed.

### Cervical Spine

Rest in comfortable position on a flat firm bed without a pillow (above). Immobilization and support of the head may be accomplished by special orthopedic or horn made collar. The latter may be made simply by folding soft cloth twice lengthwise and wrapping snugly around neck and fastening with pins. Traction may be necessary if deformity, pressure or pain is severe.

## 326 Immobilization

### Shoulder

Rest in bed in a comfortable position on a flat firm bed without a pillow (as above) Support the arms with pillows in a position of intermediate abduction and external rotation After patient is ambulatory the arm of the involved shoulder may be supported by a sling

### Elbow

Support the arm and hand (thumb and fingers free) in a molded bivalve plaster cast with the elbow in a position of maximum tolerated extension This is to combat the natural flexion tendency

### Wrist

Provide rest and support for the hand in a bivalve splint which corrects the natural deforming tendency to wrist flexion and ulnar deviation At first the splint should be worn continuously except for removal 1 or 2 times daily to permit physical therapy later the splint need be worn only in bed

### Hand

A supporting plaster splint fitted into the palm and extending to form a pocket for the partially flexed fingers may prevent the natural deforming tendency of hyperextension of the metacarpophalangeal and distal interphalangeal joints and flexion of the proximal interphalangeal joints This splint should be removed 2 to 3 times daily to permit physical therapy

### Hip

The patient should be at bed rest A detachable plaster hip spica may be used to provide support and rest for the acutely involved hip joint It may be worn all night but it must be removed at least 2 or 3 times daily to permit physical therapy (at least in the case of rheumatoid joints) The patient is instructed to lie prone in bed with 1 or 2 pillows (as necessary) under the abdomen to fix pelvis for  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 hour 1 or 2 times daily (The weight of the body is utilized as a load against the powerful flexor muscles of the thighs) The pillows may be removed as tolerated and as the flexion deformity is corrected

### Knee

The patient should initially be at bed rest Weight bearing upon the acute joint should be restricted or prohibited In mild and non deformed joints the posterior plaster splint is convenient to use and will suffice It should be worn almost continuously while the patient is in bed particularly during the night Adjustable splints with slight flexion may be employed on patients who are able to walk When joint involvement is more marked and flexion deformity is present correction plaster casts are applied in a position of maximum correction and left on for 3 days The cast is bivalved and removed for physical therapy twice a day New casts are made to provide further correction as indicated During convalescent or chronic phase provide support for the knee with elastic bandage posterior splint or special orthopedic braces

### Ankles and Feet

Weight bearing upon the acutely involved joints must be

prohibited. Provide a cradle or large pillow at the foot of the bed in order to hold the bed cloth a foot off the feet. A supporting removable plaster boot cast (with tip of toes exposed) is ideal. Adjustable or arial bivalved plaster foot casts may be employed for the gradual correction of deformities. Provide well built shoes allowing proper length and width for toes, stability and a suitable arch support (sponge rubber or felt pads are quite satisfactory). Correct abnormalities and deformities of the hip and knee joints which produce mechanical strain on the feet.

## HEAT

### Local Heat

#### A General Principles

1. Place the part of the body to be treated in a comfortable and relaxed position.
2. Begin treatment slowly and cautiously.
  - a. Treat for short periods, not longer than 15 to 20 minutes initially. When the skin is pink and moist enough heat has been given.
  - b. Start with lower temperature and adjust to patient's individual tolerance.
3. Gradually increase time and temperature factors as tolerated and as indicated.
4. Avoid drafts in the treatment room.
5. Following treatments provide protective covering for 20 to 30 minutes to avoid chilling.

#### B Indications

1. Acute and chronic diseases of joints, muscles, fasciae, tendons and bursa to relieve pain and to reduce muscular spasm.
2. Abdominal cramp (non-urgent abdominal).
3. Chronic involvement of joint, muscles, fasciae, tendons and bursa, to relieve pain, reduce muscle spasm, hasten recovery and to serve as an adjunct or preparation for other physiotherapeutic methods.

#### C Contraindications

1. The few patients in whom local heat directly and persistently aggravates symptoms (if the cause is a trial of cold therapy may be warranted).
2. Local diseases of the skin.
3. Ischemic vascular disease (vascular insufficiency) (see page 307).
4. Diabetic patients (use cautiously).
5. Patients with loss of skin sensation.
6. When large areas are to be treated.

#### D Methods

1. Conductive heat. Heat transferred to the body by direct contact with the source. This is the simplest penetrating form of heat.
  - a. Hot water bottle or bag or heated heating pad. Simple resource available. There is some danger of cutaneous burns.
  - b. Hot compresses. Simple readily available and effective.

both home and hospital use. The water should be maintained between 98° to 103° F (36.5 and 40.5° C) the bath should be for 10 to 45 minutes as tolerated.

- 2 **Wet packs** An effective technic for hospitals but not generally satisfactory for home use. Cold wet sheets are carefully applied to the skin and the patient is wrapped in blankets. The patient is allowed to remain in this pack for 1/2 to 1 hour. This method should never be employed by untrained personnel.
- 3 **Steam baths** Not advisable for home use since home made steam baths may be dangerous.
- 4 **Body baker** A larger version of the ordinary baker described on page 329 may be employed on patients who are in the recumbent position. For patients who are able to sit up cabinets with numerous radiant electric lamps or resistance coils may be used.
- 5 **Sun baths (heliotherapy)** Graded daily exposure (as tolerated) to the sun's rays is beneficial for its combined heating, ultraviolet and tonic effects.

### COLD

In rare cases patients are unable to tolerate local heat and will do well with local applications of cold.

- A **Cold compresses or ice packs** applied locally to the joint for 10 to 15 minutes 2-4 times daily as needed.
- B **Ethyl Chloride Spray** Particularly indicated in fibrositis or osteoarthritis. It is applied like local anesthesia to the trigger point as a substitute for procaine infiltration or heat. Ethyl chloride spray should be followed by stretching and exercise.

### MOBILIZATION OF JOINTS AND SURROUNDING SOFT TISSUES

After the acute process has subsided institute exercise as early as tolerated in order to prevent deformity, muscle atrophy and altered joint motion (see page 324). No other physical therapy methods will prevent these abnormalities or serve as a substitute for exercise.

Proceed cautiously with graded exercises. Avoid sudden transitions. Reduce the intensity or change the nature of the exercise if there is persistence of or increase in symptoms (spasm and pain).

#### Passive Exercise

- A **Simple Passive Motion of Joint Through the Existing Range**

This is done by a physical therapist or other person or by the patient himself. The movement is slow. It should cover the complete available range of the joint and be repeated several times. No force should be used and the patient should be relaxed. The objective of passive motion is to prevent loss of range of motion, particularly in patients who are immobilized by splints, slings and bags, etc.

- B **Stretching** Similar to passive motion and is somewhat forceful.

It is carried slightly beyond the extending angle. This procedure may cause a certain amount of pain and should be performed by analgesic (see p. 38). Stretching should be performed only by a physical therapist or physician. The indications for stretching are as follows:

- 1 In deforming types of arthritis. It is used to decrease flexion contracture.
- 2 In osteoarthritis and fibrositis. It may actually lead to a cure by giving complete relief.
- 3 In posture correction. Stretching is an adjunct to active exercise.

**C Manipulation.** A passive rather than a deliberate mobilization of joints in a direction which is not used physiologically, e.g., side motion or rotation in a metacarpophalangeal joint. Manipulation should be done only by a physician preferably without anesthesia. Manipulation is used to break up painful articular adhesion. It may also be used in the distal thigh. It has the advantage that the mobilization cannot be counteracted by voluntary contraction or spasm because of the direction of the pull.

### Massage

Essentially mobilization of soft tissue by direct manual or digital action. Massage is found to be valuable in osteoarthritis. It is of more value in fibrositis but an extremely beneficial treatment in rheumatoid arthritis. Contraindications for massage are local skin diseases, phlebitis, and advanced arteriosclerosis. Several types have been described.

- A **Stroke** (Kneading) has essentially a physiologic and analgesic effect.
- B **Kneading** (petrissage) produces distal muscle activity of muscles and a bracing action. It is indicated in fibrositis where the masses may feel hard. Rub out painful fibrositic nodules.
- C **Friction** in a concentric fashion of small circular movements of the finger tips will relieve the muscle spasm.
- D **Passive** and stretching motions are of fundamental value.

### Effect of Therapy

- A **Number of Treatments.** Stretching and mobilization of range of motion may be prescribed as frequently as every 2 hours. Massage is usually not given more than once a day. Manipulation not more than once or twice a week. The minimum of the therapy depends on the patient's condition. A single stretching or manipulation may cure a fibrositis. In deforming joint diseases the mobilization should be frequent enough to fulfill the objective of maintaining or increasing range of motion.
- B **Duration of Treatment.** Passive motion and stretching should be performed several times for each joint. For osteoarthritis is involved the procedure should last only 2 to 3 minutes. For severe joint restriction it will last longer but should not exceed 15 minutes. All joints should be treated in one session. The volume of treatment should be increased and the joints treated.



rapidly as possible

- G Stall Bars (ladder exercises) For girdles and extremity joints
- H Treadle Exercises for ankles and knees
- I Pedaling Exercises (bicycle exercises) For hips and knees
- J Toe Steps For lower extremity joints
- K Special quadriceps exercises, which include static contraction straight leg raising active motion and graded resistive exercises

#### Occupational Therapy or Recreational Exercises

Provide an incentive for the patient to use impaired parts. These measures may be instituted by trained therapists in the hospital or in the home and the instructed patient may carry out the therapeutic program. The desired objectives, the precautions and the limitations of such methods must be explained carefully to the patient. Lack of special facilities or equipment can be more than readily compensated for by some thought and ingenuity in utilizing materials at hand. For example, the forearms, wrists and hands may be exercised effectively by typing, piano playing, string instrument playing, business machine operation, molding or clay modeling, wood and machine shop work, weaving, wood carving, needlework and painting.

## Chapter 13

# DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

## DISORDERS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Disturbances of the sensorium may be associated with decreased motor activity (e.g., stupor or coma) or increased motor activity (e.g., excitement or delirium mania). Sensorial disturbances may range from partial clouding of consciousness to complete obliteration of consciousness. The point of reaction of these disorders depends upon the intensity of the stimulus and the physical mental and emotional status of the individual. Some of the causes of coma are cerebrovascular accident drug intoxications poisoning fever metabolic disorders meningitis overwhelming infection convulsive disorders and cardiac decompensation.

### STUPOR (code No. 933) and COMA (code No. 932)

Stupor is a stage from partial to almost complete loss of consciousness. Coma is complete unconsciousness from which the patient cannot be aroused by the most powerful stimuli.

#### D. Signs

- A. History - 1. Recent past - patient during 1. id intervals - Valuable information may be obtained from the patient's friends relatives and attendants. Inquire particularly about the patient's occupation previous physical, mental or emotional illness and about use of alcohol, drugs, epilepsy or hypertension.
- B. Physical Examination - Place particular emphasis on vital signs. Look for evidence of injury or intoxication and neurologic abnormalities. Do not assume cerebral disturbance due to alcohol unless definitely an alcoholic by this defect.
- C. Laboratory Procedures -
  1. Cerebral - the patient if necessary and ambulatory measure serum electrolytes, albumin, blood glucose and ketones.
  2. Peripheral - routine Hgb, WBC differential count and hemoglobin determination.
  3. Drugs - blood for N.P.N., glucose and  $CO_2$  combining power when indicated for diagnosis of diabetic coma and uremia.
  4. Lumbar puncture - should be considered for all comatose patients unless there are specific contraindications (e.g., uremia, post-encephalitic lesions).
  5. Special studies - as may be indicated. e.g., blood chemistry and

- analysis of body fluids for evidence of toxins
- 6 Skull x rays when indicated

### Treatment

A Emergency Measures The objective is to maintain life until specific diagnosis is made and treatment administered

- 1 Maintain adequate respiration First determine the cause of any respiratory difficulty (e.g. obstruction pulmonary disease depression of respiratory center vascular collapse)
  - a Keep airways open Obstruction must be removed or prevented
    - (1) Place patient on his side or abdomen with face to the side always with the head well extended lower on his back or with head flexed If necessary pull tongue forward with fingers or forceps and maintain in an extended position (e.g. by pharyngeal airways)
    - (2) Aspirate mucus blood and saliva from the mouth and nose by means of a lubricated soft rubber catheter Suction may be conveniently applied with a large (25-50 cc) syringe
    - (3) Endotracheal catheterization may be necessary The services of a trained anesthesiologist or otolaryngologist are desirable for this
  - b Artificial respiration may be administered if respirations have ceased or are failing (see page 131)
  - c Oxygen may be administered by mask catheter or tent as indicated (see page 139)
- 2 CIRCULATE Institute immediate treatment if patient is in shock or may suffer shock (see page 31)

### B General Measures

- 1 Constant observation of the patient must be maintained
- 2 Place in shock position unless this is contraindicated by head injury (see page 3) Change body positions every 1/2-1 hour unless contraindicated to prevent hypostatic pneumonia and skin ulcerations
- 3 Catheterize patient if coma persists for longer than 8 to 12 hours and patient fails to void If necessary insert an indwelling catheter Use sterile technic
- 4 Nutrition and hydration Provide proper fluid and nutrition by I.V. glucose amino acids and saline solutions (see page 27) for the first few days until the patient is able to take fluids by mouth If the patient is comatose for more than 2-3 days tube feedings must be employed (see page 57)
- 5 Sedation
  - a When ever possible avoid sedation or other medication until a specific diagnosis has been made
  - b Sedation with paraldehyde or barbiturates may be necessary for mild restlessness in those cases not due to barbiturate or other drug toxicity

C Specific Measures Direct measures at removal of specific causes such as fevers infections toxins (see specific diseases)

# DELIRIUM (code No 931) and MANIA (code No 037)

Delirium is characterized by mental disturbances (e.g. illusions, delusions and hallucinations) physically it is not without loss of contact of coherence

Mania is a form of insanity often temporary characterized by wild or ractivity and at times by illusion delusions and hallucinatory trends

These two conditions are discussed together because they share many points in common. The principal therapeutic difference lies in the choice of sedative and hypnotic medications. Although most sedative and hypnotic drugs in proper dosage may be used with relative impunity in mania the number of drugs which can be employed in delirium is limited. It is advisable to restrict the drugs for delirium to paraldehyde, chloral hydrate and in certain cases opolamine or a coti. Chloral hydrate is contraindicated in cutaneous delirium

Diagnosis

See Com page 335

Treatment

A. Patient From Physical Illness

1. Quarters. Use of room available preferably on lower floor of building
2. Windows. Screened, but not otherwise protected windows. Lock down the curtains if possible
3. Furniture. Remove all furniture and furnishings from the room except a low bed with side boards or at times simply mattress on the floor. The room must be free of sharp objects
4. Avoid mechanical stimuli whenever possible except for physical medical or surgical emergencies. Use chemical restraint such as paraldehyde or chloral hydrate to use hydrotherapy as mentioned later. Observe for suicidal or destructive tendencies

B. Mental Patient

1. Be kind and understanding. Recognize patient's actions as those of confused and ignorant. Do not utter threats
2. Lighting and noise. See that the room is adequately lighted both day and night and free from shadow. Loud noises should be avoided but familiar sounds are actually reassuring to the patient. Remember that the patient may be overexcited and will resist patient's tendency to limit
3. Help the patient to understand what is happening and why he is in hospital and if time permits prevent excitement and the acute procedure when necessary
4. Relatives and friends. Encourage aid of patient's relatives if possible. Reassure them that they may visit the patient and comprehension. How frequently hospitalized patients frequently become startled under the circumstances
5. Considerations of distance necessary

C. Use of Hypnotic Drugs

1. Paraldehyde is the drug of

choice in delirium. Barbiturates, bromides, and opiates often serve to increase the excitement of delirium but may be used in maniacal states (see below). Paraldehyde has an added advantage in that the ordinary stock paraldehyde solution needs no sterilization and for that reason is available for immediate administration by any desired route. The oral route is preferred unless the patient is unable to swallow. For details of administration see page 36.

- 2 Chloral hydrate may be given instead of paraldehyde in doses of 2 to 8 cc ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 dr.) of the 25% stock solution or as capsules 0.3 to 0.6 Gm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 30 gr.) orally. Chloral hydrate is contraindicated in acute alcoholic delirium or psychosis.
- 3 Barbiturates. *Not to be used for delirium.*  
Caution. Observe carefully for respiratory depression and see that adequate airway is maintained.
  - a Thiopental Sodium U.S.P. Thiopentone Sodium B.P. (Pentothal Sodium®). First inject 2 to 3 cc of a freshly prepared 5% solution slowly I.V. observe then give additional dosage as needed for desired effect.
  - b Amobarbital Sodium (Amytal Sodium®) N.F. 0.125 to 0.5 Gm (2 to  $\frac{7}{2}$  gr.) as freshly prepared 10% solution slowly I.V. to point of desired effect.
- 4 Morphine sulfate 8 to 15 mg ( $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  gr.) with scopolamine hydrobromide 0.3 to 0.4 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1  $\frac{1}{60}$  gr.) may be administered subcut. when delirium is marked or is associated with or caused by pain.
- 5 Scopolamine hydrobromide. For delirium without pain. Scopolamine 0.3 to 0.4 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1  $\frac{1}{60}$  gr.) b.i.d. q.i.d. may be valuable.

#### D Hydrotherapy

- 1 A warm tub bath (92° to 97° F.) or so called neutral bath for half hour periods t.i.d. or q.i.d. may be tried on suitable patients; this may be of considerable value. This method should be tried prior to intensive drug therapy whenever possible. If it is tolerated well and results are effective the patient may remain in the tub for hours. Hydrotherapy is not applicable for certain unmanageable patients; for patients with infectious or febrile diseases or for patients with surgical dressings.
- 2 Wet pack. This effective technic should be administered only by trained personnel. The patient requires constant supervision. The method is contraindicated in patients who are physically weak or exhausted or are having convulsions or who have significant cardiovascular disease. Vital signs must be observed at least at 15 to 20 minute intervals.

E Nutrition and Hydration. Unless there is a specific indication for hypohydration, a normal state of hydration should be maintained. This is especially true in the presence of fever. For delirium tremens or alcoholism 1 to 2 liters (1 to 2 qt.) of 5 to 10% glucose solution containing 100 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$  gr.) of Thiamine Hydrochloride U.S.P. Anserine Hydrochloride B.P. and 100 mg nicotinic acid should be given daily. Proper nutrition should be maintained. Small frequent feedings are best tolerated.

Psychiatric If possible, ensure admission above  
do not immediately transfer to psychiatric hospital. Eval-  
uate possibility of effecting the transfer if decided upon  
provide for adequate attendance

## HEAD INJURIES

Proper management of the patient with a head injury rests in  
greater measure upon neurological and surgical diagnostic and treat-  
ment methods

### Diagnosis

Clinical examination and close observation of the patient  
in the immediate post-traumatic period are essential

#### A Signs and Symptoms

1. Alteration in the state of consciousness in the immediate  
period after the head injury  
A. Immediate reflex flow of blood may indicate cerebral  
impairment by a blood clot or epidural hemorrhage. If pro-  
gressively deepening, may occur after a period of conscious-  
ness following a head injury, especially with fracture of the  
skull indicating a fracture of the base of the skull.
2. Pupil size and reaction may indicate a dural hemorrhage  
a. Ipsilateral pupil is usually dilated  
b. Contralateral hemiparesis may occur ipsilaterally to the  
pupil and may become permanent
3. If the patient remains unconscious, diagnosis of prog-  
ressive intracranial hemorrhagic lesion is difficult  
a. Vital signs (pulse rate, respiration, blood pressure) may  
change although the patient is not bleeding  
b. Facial edema, periorbital edema, hyperextension of the  
neck, rigidity of the neck, and other signs  
c. Prolonged unconsciousness is a bad sign, especially if  
damaging to the brain stem

#### B Laboratory Findings

1. Lumbar puncture is advisable to establish the presence of  
subarachnoid hemorrhage and to give baseline appearance  
and pressure of the cerebrospinal fluid
2. Skull x-rays should be made in those cases in which the  
patient's condition permits  
a. Fracture of the skull may be reflected or may be depressed  
b. Presence of a fracture may be certain
3. Electroencephalography may assist in diagnosis and prognosis  
of a localized patient in the chronic phase

### Treatment

#### A Emergency Measures

1. The patient should be placed in a supine position with the  
head and/or blood may be required (see page 32)
2. Attention to the respiratory system is important maintenance  
of adequate pulmonary ventilation is vital  
a. The patient should be placed in a position where he can  
be turned to one side to facilitate clearing of the airway  
mouth and keep the tongue from obstructing the pharynx

## 340 Orthostatic Hypotension

- b Intratracheal intubation or tracheotomy may be necessary to maintain open airway
- c Give oxygen if necessary (see page 145)

### B C n r a l M a s s a g e

- 1 Quieting patient During acute or initial phases restlessness may be a disturbing factor
  - a Special nursing care and paraldehyde may be required
  - b Avoid morphine because of medullary depressant effects
  - c Catheterization of a full bladder may ameliorate restlessness
  - d Lumbar puncture with removal of small amount of bloody cerebrospinal fluid may also relieve agitated patient
- 2 Antibiotic treatment is always instituted in the presence of bleeding or discharge from nose or ears Give penicillin procaine 300 000 units b i d until danger of infection is over

## SYNCOPE (Fainting) (code No 0xx)

Syncope is a transient loss of consciousness due usually to temporary cerebral anoxia. The exact mechanism of syncope is not clearly understood.

### REFLEX SYNCOPE

#### VASODEPRESSOR SYNCOPE

(Vasovagal Syncope Simple Fainting Benign Faint)

This is usually characterized by a sudden fall in blood pressure and a slowing of the heart. The causative stimuli may be sensory (e.g. sudden pain) or entirely emotional (e.g. death of a loved one). The patient is usually upright when the faint occurs; recumbency rapidly restores consciousness.

#### Treatment

Patient should be placed in the recumbent position and head lowered. Simple inhalation of fumes of Aromatic Spirits of Ammonia U.S.P. B.P. may be tried if necessary.

### ORTHOSTATIC HYPOTENSION

(Postural Hypotension) (code No 460 x10)

This is a rare cause of syncope and occurs as the patient assumes an upright position. It is associated with a marked drop in blood pressure on arising.

#### Treatment

Treatment is directed towards the underlying cause where possible. If abdominal ptosis is present an abdominal belt may prevent splanchnic pooling of blood. Elastic stockings may be of value.

Vasoconstrictor drugs may be tried but are usually without benefit.

### CAROTID SINUS SYNCOPE (code No 408 584.x)

There is usually a history of fainting associated with spells of dizziness between attacks. A definite relation to sudden turning or raising of head or wearing of a tight collar may be elicited. The diagnosis is suggested by reproducing it by firm pressure and massage over the carotid sinus for 10 to 20 seconds. Stimulate only one carotid sinus at a time. Caution must be exercised in stimulating the sinuses in elderly patients. Cerebrovascular accidents have been precipitated by this maneuver. Three types of carotid sinus syncope are known to occur.

#### Vagal Type

This is the most common type and is most frequent in old persons. Carotid sinus pressure slows the heart rate. This response can be abolished by the injection of Atropin Sulfate. U.S.P. B.P. 1 mg (1/80 gr) i.v.

#### Vasomotor Type

Occurs more frequently in younger individuals. Carotid sinus pressure causes a fall in blood pressure; this can be abolished by injection of 0.5 cc (8 M) of 1:1000 Epinephrine. U.S.P. Adrenaline B.P. but is unaffected by atropin sulfate.

#### Cerebral Type

Carotid sinus pressure affects neither heart rate nor blood pressure and neither epinephrine nor atropin is effective in the relief. A direct cerebral effect is postulated.

#### Treatment

Correct all abnormalities whenever possible. Eliminate emotional problems and forbid use of tight collars. In severe cases denervation of the sinus may be necessary. Local anesthetic of the carotid sinus abolishes all type of carotid sinus syncope.

A. Vagal Type. Atropine sulfate 0.4 to 0.6 mg (1/60 to 1/100 gr) 3 to 4 times daily (more if needed) will usually abolish attacks. Ephedrine sulfate or hydrochloride 0.25 Gm (3/8 gr) with phenobarbital 0.015 Gm (1/4 gr) 3 to 4 times daily may be helpful.

B. Vasomotor Type. Ephedrine and phenobarbital as above will usually prevent attacks.

C. Cerebral Type. Drug therapy is of no value.

### SYNCOPE DUE TO CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

This type of syncope is due to cerebral anoxia which results from a temporary fall in cardiac output. Some of the causes are Stokes-Adams syndrome, onset of paroxysmal heart disease, myocardial infarction, and pulmonary embolism. This may be associated with heart in other types of heart disease (e.g., aortic stenosis and tetralogy of Fallot).



Treatment.

Treat the underlying abnormality

**SYNCOPE DUE TO METABOLIC DISTURBANCES**

Hypoglycemia may cause syncope or coma If prolonged or recurrent treatment is required (see page 409)

Hyperventilation If severe and prolonged produces respiratory alkalosis with resulting tetany and syncope

Treatment

Consciousness can be restored by rebreathing into a paper bag holding breath or administration of carbon dioxide 5-10% with oxygen by mask If attacks are recurrent psychotherapy must be considered

**HYSTERICAL SYNCOPE**

Hysterical fainting may either be true or simulated syncope The physician must be watchful of the associated objective findings The patient rarely if ever has an attack without the benefit of an audience

Treatment

Psychiatric evaluation and psychotherapy

**VERTIGO AND DIZZINESS**

The term vertigo is generally used to denote the subjective sensation of rotatory movement either of the individual or his environment Dizziness implies an inability to orient the body in relation to surrounding objects However the terms are generally employed as synonyms

**TRUE VERTIGO**

This is found primarily in disease processes involving the labyrinth the vestibular portion of the 8th cranial nerve and their nuclei or connections True vertigo is usually manifested by nystagmus falling to one side and abnormal reaction to tests of vestibular function Among the more common causes are

- 1 Meniere's syndrome (see page 357)
- 2 Acute labyrinthitis (see page 357)
- 3 Organic brain damage involving the vestibular nerve its end organs or connections or the cerebellum
- 4 Drugs and toxins (e.g. streptomycin see page 507)

Treatment

Treat the underlying disorder

## DIZZINESS

Dizziness is a subjective complaint. There may be no objective findings; it may, however, be associated with infectious processes and other toxic conditions. It also occurs in cases of cerebral vascular disease with impaired circulation and is a common symptom in hypertension. However, it is probably most often found in patients with emotional disorders.

Treatment.

Restoration of optimal general health. If functional elements are present and the symptom is severe, psychotherapy may be of value.

## HEADACHE

(code No 961)

Headache may be due to many factors and must always be recognized as a symptom. The underlying cause must be determined and treated in order to effectively relieve the symptom. The subjective sensation of headache indicates involvement of the pain-sensitive structures within and about the skull. Headaches may be classified as follows with a summary of the more common causes listed:

- A Meningitis (and Allied Stricture) Involvement. This is due to spreading of pyogenic infections meningitis in the intracranial pressure and decreased intracranial pressure (following lumbar puncture).
- B Vascular involvement.
- 1 Intracranial vasodilatation. Due to fever, reaction to drugs and toxins (e.g., alcohol and histamine), as well as emotional factors.
  - 2 Extracranial vasodilatation (particularly of the external carotid). Migraine is the principal example.
  - 3 Disease of the blood vessels (e.g., temporal arteritis).
- C Musculoskeletal involvement.
- 1 Muscular pain of varying degree. Due to myositis, adjacent arthritis, osteitis.
  - 2 Muscle tension due to emotional factor.
  - 3 Bone or joint involvement of skull, head, or cervical vertebrae. Due to arthritis, osteitis, osteomyelitis, or tumor.
- D Neural involvement. Neuralgia (e.g., trigeminal neuralgia).
- E Middle ear, Eustachian tube involvement. Due to diseases and disorders of the middle ear, nose, pharynx, teeth, etc.
- F Emotional involvement. Headache due to motion disorders are usually associated with muscle tension (see above), but this is not always the case. At times the headache may be due to intracranial vasodilatation.

Diagnosis

The diagnosis must be based on a complete history and physical examination. Special attention to the eyes, ears, and nose is important. A complete blood count, urinalysis, and blood test for syphilis must be performed. In many cases an adequate psychological examination is also indicated. Skull x-rays and electroencephalograms are useful.

## 344 Headaches

The pain of meningeal involvement is deep and is usually the most severe. Pain of vascular origin is usually throbbing in character. Pain of neuralgia has a burning quality. Headaches of psychogenic origin are superficial and are manifested by dull tightness or pressure.

### General Nonspecific Treatment Measures

- A Physical and mental rest
- B Sedatives should be used only as a temporary measure and should not be used as a substitute for a complete work up and specific therapy. Narcotics are generally contraindicated except in terminal disease.
- C Analgesics constitute specific therapy in febrile headaches due to their antipyretic activity. They should not be administered for prolonged periods indiscriminately; their routine use often obscures important pathology.

## HEADACHES DUE TO MENINGEAL INVOLVEMENT

These are the most severe, but they usually respond to analgesics. Manifestations depend upon type and site of underlying pathology.

### Treatment

- A Specific Measures. Treat the causative lesion.
- B General Measures
  - 1 Analgesics should be given as needed if pain is not too severe (see page 36).
  - 2 Narcotics may be necessary if pain is very severe (see page 37).
  - 3 Lumbar puncture performed very cautiously may sometimes be used to relieve headache associated with increased intracranial pressure (e.g., subarachnoid hemorrhage, hypertension, nephritis, not in posterior fossa tumors).
- C Lumbar Puncture Headaches. These are believed to be due to leakage of the cerebrospinal fluid from the puncture site.
  - 1 Analgesics. If headache is mild upon arising, analgesics such as aspirin 0.3 Gm (5 gr.) every 2-3 hours may be sufficient.
  - 2 Recumbent position. If lumbar puncture headache is very severe, it can be alleviated by lying down.
  - 3 Intrathecal injection of small quantities of sterile normal saline may afford relief in severe cases.

## HEADACHES DUE TO VASCULAR INVOLVEMENT

These headaches are usually throbbing in character. Intracranial vasodilatation usually causes bilateral pain, but migraine, an extracranial type, is usually unilateral. Compression of the common carotid may relieve both types of headaches; migraine may also be relieved by compression of the external carotid artery.

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psychotherapy There is little evidence that special diets glandular therapy etc are effective except as psychotherapeutic devices

- C Disease of Blood Vessels Since many of these conditions are associated with vasospastic phenomena vasodilators are indicated Nicotinic acid 100 mg (1½ gr) t i d to q i d orally has been found to be of limited value

## HEADACHES DUE TO MUSCULOSKELETAL INVOLVEMENT

Muscle contraction or spasm may be caused by disease of the muscle or adjacent structures or may be associated with excessive fatigue or emotional tension The muscles attached to the occiput are most frequently involved and give the characteristic occipital headache There may also be a feeling of pressure or tightness or a band like constriction of the head associated with emotional tension The psychogenic headache usually appears after periods of emotional stress

### Treatment

- A Muscle spasm due to organic disease and bone or joint pain may be relieved by appropriate physical therapeutic measures (see page 323) Analgesics are usually also of value (see page 36) Specific therapy should be directed at the underlying disease
- B Muscle Tension Headaches
- 1 Rest relaxation and freedom from emotional stress are of primary importance (see Psychotherapy on page 41)
  - 2 Heat to the involved muscles by means of hot towels heating pad or a warm bath will help relieve the discomfort
  - 3 Gentle massage of the muscles will usually also be of benefit
  - 4 Drugs may be of value in acute cases but prolonged use should be avoided
    - a Phenobarbital phenobarbitone 15-30 mg (¼-½ gr) q i d will temporarily relieve many headaches due to nervous tension
    - b Aspirin 0.3-0.6 Gm (5-10 gr) every 3 to 4 hours may also be of benefit

## HEADACHES DUE TO NERVE INVOLVEMENT

Treat specific cause (see page 356)

## HEADACHES DUE TO MISCELLANEOUS EXTRACRANIAL CAUSES

Treat specific underlying disease Analgesics may be of value but should not be substituted for specific therapy

## THE DEGENERATIVE DISEASES

## MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (code No 906 953)

A disease of unknown etiology characterized by patchy demyelination in the central nervous system which may be due to or associated with diffuse vascular thrombosis. It is manifested by diffuse neurologic disturbances: trouble with neuritis, nystagmus, blurred perception, intention tremor and spastic paraparesis. C.S.F. examination shows nothing characteristic. The disease is slowly progressive with spontaneous temporary remissions.

Treatment

Chiefly symptomatic

- A Rest. Adequate sleep at night and rest in the afternoon has been found to make patients more comfortable.
- B Temperature Changes. A sudden change in temperature (internal/external) to reduce vasculospastic phenomenon (although evidence that spasm plays a role in the disease is questioned by some). Heat makes these patients much more comfortable, improves them temporarily.
- C Rehabilitation. Physiotherapy and psychotherapy to attempt to make the patient able to live with his disability and yet make the most of whatever assets he still retains.

## PARALYSIS AGITANS (Parkinsonism) (code No 946 4 953)

A syndrome characterized by rhythmical "pill-rolling" tremor of resting muscles with associated stiffness and rigidity, a stooped posture, mask-like face, and apoplastic gait. In later life it is usually associated with arteriosclerotic changes in the basal ganglia. In younger life it is usually associated with postencephalitic changes in the basal ganglia.

Treatment

Treatment is mainly symptomatic. Little can be done to arrest the progressive postencephalitic or arteriosclerotic changes that occur.

- A Specific Measures. A number of drugs have been found to be effective in alleviating the symptoms of Parkinsonism. These drugs are usually used in combination to obtain the optimal therapeutic result.

Cautions. In patients with paralytic agitans never stop one drug abruptly when instituting the therapy with a new one. Always introduce the new drug gradually increasing quantities while gradually reducing the old.

- 1 Artane (Theophylline)®. Effective for sustained control of rigidity, minor tremor, and akinesia. Dose: 1 or 2 mg (40-120 gr) to 3 mg (120 gr) t.i.d. For extrapyramidal side effects 10 mg (40 gr) t.i.d. Principal side reactions are for tropic but cardiovascular effects are minimal. Use with caution in glaucoma.
- 2 Well-downs (alkaloids).

## ANTISPASMODIC DRUGS

| Drug                             | Effect On |                     |                     |                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                                  | Tremor    | Rigidity and Spasms | Akinesia (w akn as) | Oculogyric Crisis |
| Artane®                          |           | X                   | X                   | X                 |
| Atropine and Belladonna Alkaloid |           | X                   |                     |                   |
| Benadryl®                        | X         |                     |                     |                   |
| Cogentin® (MK 02)                | X         | X                   |                     |                   |
| Dexedrine®                       |           |                     | X                   |                   |
| Hyoscin®                         | X         |                     |                     | X                 |
| Pagitane®                        |           | X                   | X                   | X                 |
| Parparin®                        |           | X                   |                     |                   |
| Paralol® (Lysothane®)            | X         | X                   |                     |                   |
| Rabellon®                        |           | X                   | X                   |                   |
| Stramonium                       | X         |                     |                     |                   |

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- a Atropine Solution of U S P B P (1/2%) Effective for spasms and rigidity Start with 3 drop doses at intervals of about 6 hours Increase dosage by 1 drop every 3 days until a dosage of 10 drops t i d is reached Limited to younger patients because of danger of glaucoma in elderly Early toxic symptoms are blurring of vision dryness of mouth vertigo and tachycardia Excessive dosage may produce vomiting dizziness mental confusion and hallucinations
- b Belladonna Tincture U S P B P Has same effect as atropine Start with 15 drops t i d and increase gradually to 30 drops t i d Chief side effects are same as for atropine Do not give to patients with glaucoma
- 3 Diphenhydramine Hydrochloride U S P (Benadryl®) Antihistaminic for control of tremor Dosage 50 mg (3/4 gr) b i d to q i d
- 4 Cogentin® (MK 02) Most effective agent against rigidity and spasms also against tremor Excellent when combined with Artane® as well as Pagitane® or Dexedrine® Chief side reaction dryness of mouth Dosage Begin with 0.5 mg one or two times daily and increase as needed (up to 5 mg daily)
- 5 Dexedrine® 5 mg (1/12 gr) morning or noon or Benzedrine® 10 mg (1/8 gr) to counteract fatigue somnolence lethargy
- 6 Hyoscin Hydrobromide U S P B P Useful in control of tremors Dosage ranges from 0.3 mg (1/200 gr) b i d to q i d in elderly patients to 0.6 mg (1/100 gr) b i d to t i d in the young Distressing side effects may include somnolence dry mouth, blurred vision and drowsiness
- 7 Pagitane® Action similar to Artane® but less drying effect Useful when effect from Artane® wears off Dosage 1.25

- mg to 5 mg t i d to q i d. Contr. ind. in glaucoma.
8. Carbamiphen Hydrochloride (Panpam<sup>®</sup>) Useful in young patients as muscle relaxant. Dosage: 50-100 mg q i d.
9. Paraldehyde (Lysoval<sup>®</sup>) Tablet contains 50 mg (3/4 gr). May be given q i d in dosage ranging from 1/2 to 1 tablet.
10. Rabilon<sup>®</sup> (hyoscine hydrobromide atropine sulfate and ephedrine hydrobromide). Has relatively little effect on tremor. Tablets contain 0.5 mg (1/20 gr) of mixed belladonna alkaloids. Given in 1/4 to 1/2 of full tablet dosage b i d t q i d depending on age and tolerance of patient. Side reactions: dryness of mouth and blurred vision. Contraindicated in glaucoma.
11. Tincture of St. monium, B.P. Especially good for control of motor tetanization and intermittent. Dosage starts with 15 drops t i d and increases slowly to about 60 drops t i d.
- B. Cerebral Measures**
1. Physiotherapy. Should include massage, stretching of muscle and active exercise when possible. Patient should be taught to exercise daily the muscles most severely affected, especially those of hands, fingers, wrists, elbows, knees, and neck.
  2. Requirement of control of symptoms and psychological support will be greatest fully realized by patient.
  3. Avoid barbiturates. Permit moderate use of alcohol sometimes in treatment.

**Prognosis**

Prognosis is slowly progressive but it is not fatal.

**CEREBRAL VASCULAR ACCIDENTS**

Cerebral vascular accidents due either to thrombosis or hemorrhage or embolism. The differential diagnosis is important in order to treat the underlying cause (see table below).

Differential Diagnosis of Cerebral Vascular Accidents

|                           | Hemorrhage<br>(94-95) | Thrombosis<br>(94-95)         | Embolism<br>(94-95)           |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Age                       | 45-65 yr              | Over 45 yr                    | All ages                      |
| Usual and preceding cause | Hypertension          | Arteriosclerosis              | Cerebral disease              |
| Onset                     | Gradual               | Sudden or rapidly progressive | Sudden                        |
| History                   | Anterior              | Slight or bilateral           | Vascular                      |
| Mental status             | Depressed             | No mental depression          | Variable depression           |
| Paralysis                 | Complete hemiplegia   | Slight to complete hemiplegia | Slight to complete hemiplegia |
| Spinal fluid pressure     | High                  | Normal or slightly elevated   | Variable                      |
| Prognosis                 | Usually fatal         | Usually better                | About 50% slight              |



TreatmentA Acute Phase or Onset

- 1 Complete bed rest
- 2 Nursing care Handle patient carefully to avoid injury to patient and paralyzed extremities
- 3 Sedation If patient is agitated sedatives are necessary. However patients with thrombosis should not be depressed too much with sedatives
  - a Oral paraldehyde 4 cc (1 dr) in milk, fruit juice or whisky repeated as necessary
  - b Rectal paraldehyde 8-15 cc (2-4 dr) in 30 cc of oil
  - c I M paraldehyde 4-8 cc (1-2 dr) deep into the buttocks
- 4 Feedings If patient is unconscious or unable to swallow do not attempt to give feedings by mouth. Maintain nutrition with tube feedings or by parenteral means
- 5 Phlebotomy If hemorrhage has occurred and blood pressure is elevated phlebotomy of 500 cc may be used to reduce chances of further bleeding
- 6 Lumbar puncture If hemorrhage has occurred perform lumbar puncture very cautiously removing just enough fluid to relieve severe headache. Do not perform Queckenstedt's test in patients with suspected hemorrhage
- 7 Voiding Catheterization may be necessary if spontaneous voiding does not occur
- 8 Procaine block of the stellate ganglion and 100% oxygen inhalations have been recommended for cases due to thrombosis. This procedure may also be useful in cases of cerebral embolism but it is contraindicated in cases of hemorrhage

B State of Recovery and Convalescence The rehabilitation of the patient with hemiplegia due to cerebral vascular accident should begin early and should be intensive. Although it varies with different patients and the details are important the following phases may be delineated:

- a Bed phase
- b Standing phase
- c Stair climbing phase
- d Cane walking phase

(For details of rehabilitation program see p 547)

Prognosis

If the patient survives the acute attack the prognosis for life is good. With active rehabilitation most patients will be able to walk and care for themselves. Return of useful function to the upper extremity is rare. (These patients can be trained to achieve a remarkable degree of recovery if given adequate care and rehabilitation.) Prognosis for functional recovery is poor in those patients with severe organic mental syndrome or sensory aphasia.

HEPATOLENTICULAR DEGENERATION (Wilson's Disease)

This extrapyramidal disease characterized by progressive intention tremor, athetosis, rigidity, dysphagia, contractures

muscle weakness, dementia. Kayser Fleischer ring, emaciation, and associated liver disease has been reported to be due to a defect of copper metabolism.

### Treatment

Dimercaprol (U.S.P. B.P. (BAL®)) has been reported to be effective in removing the excessive copper. The clinically useful dose is 2.5 mg ( $\frac{1}{24}$  gr)/Kg body weight by injection b.i.d. for 10-12 day periods.

## THE CONVULSIVE DISORDERS

### EPILEPSY (Idiopathic) (code No. 934)

Epilepsy is a symptom complex which may be characterized by one or more of the following manifestations (Lennox):

1. Impairment of consciousness
2. Involuntary movements of muscles
3. Disturbance of the autonomic nervous system

### Diagnosis

There are three major clinical types. The differential diagnosis is very important because the therapy of each differs. Individual may have more than one type of seizure. Electroencephalographic study is indicated in all epileptic patients.

A. Grand Mal (code No. 930.01) (Rule out other causes of convulsive seizure). This type occurs in all age groups. The usual form has generalized tonic and clonic convulsions which may begin focally and remain so or may spread without loss of consciousness (Jacksonian). They may occur in single attacks varying in occurrence from hours to years.

B. Petit Mal (code No. 930.07). The usual form is characterized by a transient lapse of consciousness of 5 to 30 seconds and generally a convulsive seizure occurs. During the attack there is commonly a rhythmic jerking and blinking of the eyes. It occurs most frequently in children and is rare after age 30.

C. Psychomotor Seizure (Epileptic equivalent) (code No. 930.0). This form is frequent in adults and may be characterized by periods of automatic behavior. The patient's emotional content is usually extremely altered from normal during the attack. The attacks vary in character and these patients are often dangerous to themselves and society.

D. Status Epilepticus (code No. 930.008). Rapidly recurring attacks of grand mal type which exhaust patient and may be fatal.

### Treatment

Except in status epilepticus no treatment is given during an attack except to keep patient from being injured (e.g. biting his tongue).

A. C and M 1. Never withdraw an anti-convulsant drug suddenly.

1. Diphenhydantoin Sodium, U.S.P. Phenylin Sodium, B.P. (Dilantin®) is the drug of choice. Give 0.1 Gm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) 4 or 5 times daily.

evening meal for 3 to 7 days increasing dosage by 0.1 Gm ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) daily every week until seizures are brought under control. If attacks are severe and frequent may begin with 0.3 Gm ( $4\frac{1}{2}$  gr) daily on first visit. Average dose 0.4 to 0.6 Gm (6 to 9 gr) per day. After convulsive seizures are controlled the Dilantin® may be reduced if desired but should symptoms again appear the dosage should immediately be raised again.

There are a few toxic reactions to Dilantin® but most troublesome is gum hypertrophy. This is best controlled with careful mouth hygiene and gum massage. When large doses are given ataxia or drowsiness may appear (see page 354).

- 2 Phenobarbital U.S.P. Phenobarbitone B.P. If patient is on maximum dosage of Dilantin® and there is inadequate response give phenobarbital in addition in same manner and dosage as Dilantin® increasing dosage as with Dilantin® while maintaining patient at full dosage of Dilantin®.
- 3 Methylphenylethylhydantoin (Mesantoin®) If excessive gum hypertrophy results from the use of Dilantin® methylphenylethylhydantoin may be tried in its place. The dosage is the same. Mesantoin® may be effective where grand mal and petit mal coexist. Do not suddenly change to Mesantoin® but gradually substitute for Dilantin®. Combinations of both may prove more useful than the individual drugs. When using Mesantoin® special precaution should be observed for toxicity (see page 354).

In the event of failure of the above drugs bromides Phenurone® Mysoline® Mebaral® or Hibicon® should be tried (see chart page 355).

#### B Petit Mal.

- 1 Very mild state. If attacks are infrequent (less than 1 per day) give no treatment or treat only with small doses of phenobarbital.
- 2 Mild state
  - a Amphetamine sulfate 5 to 10 mg ( $\frac{1}{12}$  to  $\frac{1}{8}$  gr) 2 to 3 times daily may be attempted. Do not use amphetamine if patient also suffers with grand mal because use this may precipitate grand mal attacks.
  - b Glutamic acid 8 to 10 Gm (2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  dr) daily may decrease the number of attacks.
- 3 Moderate and severe states
  - a Trimethadion U.S.P. (Tridione®) is the drug of choice. Trimethadione is very effective in petit mal epilepsy but unfortunately is not an entirely safe drug since it causes bone marrow depression in some individuals. Therefore this drug is used perform CBC once or twice a week for the first month then every two weeks for two or three months and monthly thereafter. Dosage. Begin with 0.3 Gm (5 gr) daily and increase the daily dose by 0.3 Gm (5 gr) every 7 days until attacks are controlled. Do not give more than 2 Gm (30 gr) daily.
  - b If grand mal seizures occur also trimethadione may

aggravate this tendency the frequency it may be necessary to administer medication for grand mal seizures simultaneously and in some cases stop the trimethadione. P-ramithadione (P-Adione®) has recently been developed. It is said to be less toxic than trimethadione. It is almost equally effective in petit mal attacks and may be effective where other drugs fail. The same precautions as for trimethadione must be observed (see page 354).

Milontin® Phenuron® phenobarbital Penderol® Mebaral® or a ketogenic diet may prove useful where the above drugs fail.

**C P y homoto Epil p y** Patients must be watched and guarded to prevent injury to themselves or others.

1 Diphenylhydantoin Sodium USP Phenytoin Sodium BP (Dilantin®) with or without phenobarbital phenobarbital employed as first and main epilepsy treatment if choice.

2 Phenylacetyl Phenyl N N R (Phenone®) has proved to be effective in control of psychomotor epilepsy. The drug is administered initially as 0.5 Gm (7½ gr) 3 times daily and increased until symptoms are controlled. Up to 5.0 Gm (75 gr) daily divided into 3 to 5 equal doses. The drug is very toxic and precautions must be observed with its use (see page 354).

**D St ( Epil pti**

1 P-Adione 1 2 cc (1½ dr) in 3 times the volume of saline solution 1 V slowly if convulsion does not stop repeat dose immediately. Give 8 to 12 cc (2 3 dr) 1 M Amyt 1 Sodium® phenobarbital sodium 0.5 to 1.0 Gm (7½ to 15 gr) 1 V may be given.

3 Onerlane thesia may be administered if all other measures fail.

4 Dilantin® As soon as edatimasa is effective. P-Adione at maintenance dose 0.1 Gm (1½ gr) Dilantin® dissolved in water 10 doses) until seizure is under control (maximum 10 doses).

**E D tion f T im nt, M t pti s must r** (ve ther py for life. However, if seizure is not fully controlled for 3 to 5 years the anticonvulsant drug may be slowly (over 1 to 2 years) withdrawn to correct in seizure.

**F Gr 1 M su**

1 A patient with his disease. In some cases this may be accomplished in part by reading book about the disease (see page 356).

2 Avoid inactivity. It is important to maintain regular program of physical activity.

3 Keep patient in optimum physical condition and avoid excessive fatigue.

4 Forbid all alcohol.

5 Tristation if for when this is indicated.

6 Instruct patient to be obedient for faithful adherence to drug regimen.

7 An antidote should be carried at all times.

## DRUGS USED IN EPILEPSY

| Dose  | Indications                                  | Adult Dose                                  | Therapeutic Effects  | Precautions   | Remarks  |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| Phenyhydantoin<br>(Sodium Salt)<br>(Dilantin®)<br>Phenytoin | Grand mal<br>Symptomatic partial<br>epilepsy | 0.3-0.5 Gm<br>(5-7½ gr) in<br>divided doses | Phenylhydantoin<br>1. Good maintenance<br>2. Nausea<br>3. Rash<br>4. Gum hypertrophy | 1. Maintain good dental hygiene<br>2. Reduce weight if too heavy<br>3. Apparent                             | Half the drug if maintenance of grand mal and symptomatic epilepsy<br>May cause leukopenia |
| Sodium Valproate<br>(Miltal®)                               | Grand mal<br>Symptomatic partial<br>epilepsy | 0.3-0.5 Gm<br>(5-7½ gr) in<br>divided doses | 1. Nausea<br>2. Vomiting<br>3. Diarrhea<br>4. Gum hypertrophy                        | 1. Reduce weight if too heavy<br>2. Stop medication if eruption develops<br>3. Stop if blood counts are low | Does not gum hypertrophy   |
| Trimethadione<br>(Miltal®)                                  | Grand mal<br>Symptomatic partial<br>epilepsy | 0.3-0.5 Gm<br>(5-7½ gr) in<br>divided doses | 1. Nausea<br>2. Vomiting<br>3. Diarrhea<br>4. Gum hypertrophy                        | 1. Reduce weight if too heavy<br>2. Stop medication if eruption develops<br>3. Stop if blood counts are low | Does not gum hypertrophy   |
| Phenytoin<br>(Dilantin®)                                    | Grand mal<br>Symptomatic partial<br>epilepsy | 0.3-0.5 Gm<br>(5-7½ gr) in<br>divided doses | 1. Nausea<br>2. Vomiting<br>3. Diarrhea<br>4. Gum hypertrophy                        | 1. Reduce weight if too heavy<br>2. Stop medication if eruption develops<br>3. Stop if blood counts are low | Does not gum hypertrophy   |
| Phenytoin<br>(Dilantin®)                                    | Grand mal<br>Symptomatic partial<br>epilepsy | 0.3-0.5 Gm<br>(5-7½ gr) in<br>divided doses | 1. Nausea<br>2. Vomiting<br>3. Diarrhea<br>4. Gum hypertrophy                        | 1. Reduce weight if too heavy<br>2. Stop medication if eruption develops<br>3. Stop if blood counts are low | Does not gum hypertrophy   |

| Drug                | Indication    | Average Dose   | Therapeutic Range | Precautions                                | Contraindications                           | Side Effects                               | Comments   |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Phenobarbital       | Antiepileptic | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Phenylethylmalonate | Antiepileptic | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Phenylhydantoin     | Antiepileptic | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Phenytoin           | Antiepileptic | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Valproic acid       | Antiepileptic | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Carbamazepine       | Antiepileptic | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Primidone           | Antiepileptic | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Ethosuximide        | Antiepileptic | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Acetazolamide       | Antiepileptic | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Glutethimide        | Sedative      | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Mephobarbital       | Sedative      | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Secobarbital        | Sedative      | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |
| Barbiturates        | Sedative      | 0.5-1.0 Gm/day | 1.0-2.0 Gm/day    | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | 1. Hypotension<br>2. Respiratory depression | 1. Drowsiness<br>2. Ataxia<br>3. Nystagmus | Onset of action 1-2 hours. Peak effect 4-6 hours. Duration 8-12 hours. |

## Identification Card

| THIS PATIENT HAS EPILEPSY   |            |  |
|---|------------|--|
| Name_____   |            |  |
| Address_____  | Phone_____ |  |
| Put a padded stick or spoon in his mouth to protect his tongue Keep him from injuring himself |            |  |
| Doctor's Name_____  |            |  |
| Address_____  | Phone_____ |  |

**G Education of the Epileptic Patient**

- 1 Books for the epileptic patient
  - a Lennox Science and Seizures Harper and Bros
  - b Putnam On Convulsive Seizures a Manual for Patients J B Lippincott Co
- 2 Encourage the epileptic patient to become a member of The American Epilepsy League Inc Room 405 50 State St Boston 9 Mass Patients may receive information regard ing research and treatment from this orga nization

**DISEASES OF THE CRANIAL NERVES****TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA (code No 964 x30)**

Trigeminal neuralgia is characterized by a sudden attack of excruciating pain of short duration over any of the distribution of the 5th cranial nerve The attack is normally precipitated by stimulation (usually mild) of a trigger zone in the area of the pain

**Treatment**

- A Medical treatment is generally unsatisfactory but the following usually are tried before resorting to surgery
  - 1 Trichloroethylene (15-20 drops per day by inhalation from handkerchief in single or divided doses)
  - 2 Short wave diathermy over the area of exit of the nerve 1 hour daily for 6 days
  - 3 Massive doses of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (1000 micrograms daily by injection for 10 days) have been reported to relieve the severe pain of trigeminal neuralgia
- B Surgery must be resorted to if there is no relief from these

**BELL'S PALSY (Peripheral Facial Paralysis) (code No 965 y10)**

A paralysis of all the muscles of one side of the face usually precipitated by exposure chill or trauma

**Treatment**

Assure the patient that recovery usually occurs generally in

8 weeks. It may take up to 1 2 years in older patients

#### A Protection of Face

- 1 Keep face warm and avoid further exposure
- 2 Protect eyes with a patch if necessary
- 3 Avoid wind and dust

#### B Physiotherapy

- 1 Support by use of tape or wire from angle of mouth looped about the ear
- 2 Electrical stimulation may be used to help prevent atrophy of muscles. Use every 2 days after the 14th day
- 3 Gentle massage in an upward direction for 5 10 minutes 2 3 times a day of the involved muscles may help the tonus
- 4 Heat from infra red lamp may hasten recovery

### MENIERE'S SYNDROME (code No 100)

Meniere's syndrome is a symptom complex of unknown etiology which involves the labyrinthine portion of the 8th nerve. It is manifested by sudden recurrent attacks of vertigo, nausea, vomiting, nystagmus and tinnitus and by progressive deafness.

#### Treatment

A Spinal M Non available  
B C L M

- 1 It is essential to import as many of these patients as possible
- 2 Salt free diet and ammonium chloride 1 2 Gm (15 30 g l) q i d may be helpful
- 3 Nicotinic acid (niacin) (not nicotamide) 50 100 mg (3 4 to 1 1/2 gr) 1 V b i d to t i d r 100 mg (1 1/2 gr) 1 l y 5 to 6 times daily has been found useful
- 4 Thiothamizone (Thiothamizone) a diuretic (Dramamine) in doses of 50 100 mg (3/4 1 1/2 g) 3 to 4 times daily after meals to be of benefit to some patients

### DISORDERS OF EQUILIBRIUM

#### ACUTE LABYRINTHITIS (code No 185 910)

Acute labyrinthitis is a disease of the inner ear characterized by a sudden onset of vertigo, nausea, vomiting, nystagmus and hearing loss. It is usually caused by a viral infection of the inner ear.

#### Treatment

A Spinal M Non available  
B C L M

- 1 Bed rest for 1 2 days and then gradually resume activity
- 2 Drugs  
a. Antibiotics are of little value unless the infection is associated



- infection of middle ear or mastoid
- b Antihistamine drugs may be of some value (as for motion sickness see below)
- c Sedation is generally helpful Phenobarbital phenobarbitone 15 60 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$  1 gr ) t i d to q i d

### MOTION SICKNESS (code No 010 576)

Motion sickness is an acute illness characterized by anorexia nausea dizziness and vomiting Many factors play a role in its production the principal ones being visual kinesthetic and psychological Physiologically the vestibular apparatus appears to be involved

#### Prophylactic Treatment is of Most Importance

- A The antihistaminics appear to be of benefit Dimenhydrinate (Dramamine®) or diphenhydramine hydrochloride (Benadryl®) given in doses of 50 100 mg ( $\frac{3}{4}$  1½ gr ) q i d is stated to be very effective
- B Parachloramine (Bonamine®) is a long acting effective agent Usual dose 50 mg ( $\frac{3}{4}$  gr ) every 6 12 hours
- C Parasympathetic depressants alone or in combination with mild sedatives Scopolamine hydrobromide or atropine sulfate 0.2 0.4 mg ( $\frac{1}{300}$   $\frac{1}{150}$  g ) every 3 to 6 hours
- D Mild Sedation Phenobarbital phenobarbitone 15 30 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  gr ) every 3 to 6 hours may help prevent attacks

### PERIPHERAL NEURITIS (code No 98 y10)

Peripheral neuritis can be caused by a large number of factors both local and general There may be either sensory involvement (with pain paresthesias and other subjective sensory disturbances) or motor involvement (weakness and paralysis) but more frequently both

- A Toxic Forms E.g. lead arsenic mercury or diphtheria toxins
- B Infections Guillain Barre type of multiple neuritis
- C Deficiency Type Especially of the B complex (beriberi) is often associated with superimposed toxic neuritis such as the alcoholic polyneuritides diabetic neuropathy
- D Traumatic Due to direct injury to the nerve

#### Treatment

Treatment in each depends upon the etiological factors

##### A Specific Treatment

- 1 Remove noxious agent e.g. alcohol lead source
- 2 Vitamin B complex Attempt to obtain optimal metabolism of nerve tissue by liberal use of vitamins especially B complex Thiamine hydrochloride aneurine hydrochloride 15 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$  gr ) t i d to b i d orally or parenterally and dried yeast (brewer's yeast) 10 30 Gm ( $\frac{1}{3}$  1 oz ) daily if entire B complex (see B vitamins pages 61 and 62)

##### B General Treatment

- 1 Bed rest Place patient in bed if possible and avoid use of affected limb If lower extremity affected keep extremity at foot of bed to prevent pressure of bed covers
- 2 Analgesics as necessary to control pain (see page 36)
- 3 Physical therapy (see page 330)
  - After pain has subsided physical therapy (massage and passive motion) may be of value Encourage active motion at same time
  - b Prevent contracture by motion of splints and passive stretching

## HERNIATION OF INTERVERTEBRAL DISK (code No 2511 9x9)

Compression and injury to nerve root may be caused by herniation of an intervertebral disk Most commonly the lumbosacral intervertebral disks (L5 S1 or L4 L5) are affected in these cases the symptom complex of low back pain impaired range of motion of lower back paravertebral lumbosacral muscle spasm and pain radiating along the sciatic distribution are commonly encountered Onset of clinical complaints is frequently related to period involving low back set in back injuries or falls The initial period may be followed by an interval of symptomatic improvement

Exaggeration of symptomatic complaints follows frequently upon laughing training sneezing

Tenderness in sciatic notch along course of the sciatic nerve impaired straight leg raising diminished ankle jerk impaired sensation over distribution of L5 or S1 may be demonstrated

Characteristic roentgenological defect in the sacrocaudal space is usually produced by a herniated intervertebral disk and is easily demonstrable by myelography

### Treatment

#### A General Management

- 1 In acute phase bed rest heat applied locally to back and leg local use of a bed board under mattress as indicated
- 2 Transition to the lower extremities is frequently beneficial
- 3 The avoidance of severe physical effort and strain is essential to minimize recurrence of symptoms after the initial period
- 4 Use of low back belt brace or supports may be beneficial It is important to instruct patients as to proper method of bending lifting (with knees flexed) and carrying (with object held close to body)

#### B Surgical Management

When the response to conservative measures is poor when the current status has disabled the patient surgically the surgery is indicated. Giving relief of the major complaints of most patients is pain usually follows the successful removal of the offending herniated disk Recovery of sensory and motor functions (impaired motor power muscle atrophy skin sensory changes) may be expected later

## MYOPATHIES

## MYOTONIA

(Congenital code No 270 044) (Acquired code No 270 x20)

*Myotonia is a disorder characterized by difficulty in relaxation of skeletal muscles following contraction which is initiated either by voluntary effort or by mechanical or electrical stimulation. It is important to differentiate this disease from myasthenia (see below) because treatment with neostigmine or potassium aggravates myotonia.*

Treatment

Quinine sulfate 0.306 Gm (5.9 gr) 2-4 times daily may give dramatic relief from symptoms.

## PROGRESSIVE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY (code No 270 9x9)

*A disorder characterized by progressive wasting and weakness of muscles with associated pseudohypertrophy (fat infiltration) of certain muscle groups. It is important to differentiate this from myasthenia gravis because the latter can be benefited by treatment.*

Treatment

None of value. It has been suggested that inability to metabolize vitamin E may play a role in the disease but parenteral or oral administration of this substance has been of no benefit.

## MYASTHENIA GRAVIS (code No 270 562)

*Myasthenia gravis is a disorder characterized by weakness and marked fatigability of voluntary muscles. Recovery from weakness or fatigue occurs with rest or specific medications. The disease progresses by natural or spontaneous remissions and relapses. A therapeutic test of 1.5 mg (1/45 gr) neostigmine methylsulfate with 0.6 mg (1/100 gr) atropine sulfate (diagnostic ampule) subcut may be used. This causes relief of symptoms.*

Treatment

**A. Emergency Treatment.** Patients may suddenly develop inability to swallow or respiratory crisis. Patient should always carry 3 ampules of 0.5 mg (1/120 gr) of Neostigmine Methylsulfate U.S.P. R.P. This should be given immediately subcut or I.M. if severe symptoms develop. The patient should be placed under medical care at once and if additional neostigmine is needed 1 mg (1/60 gr) may be given parenterally 3 times in an hour until adequate response is obtained.

In spite of administration of increasingly large amounts of neostigmin, progressive weakness of muscles of respiration may occur which may be fatal in some cases.

1. When such an event can be anticipated tracheotomy set, oxygen equipment, suction apparatus and respirator should be available.

- 2 Following a heotomy patient is placed in respirator  
Oxygen administered as needed Neostigmine withheld  
topin 0.6 mg (1/100 g) administered to keep airway  
dry and suction if airway employed
- 3 Fluid and electrolyte balance is maintained during tidal  
respiration period
- 4 Antibiotics are given to prevent pneumonia
- 5 After a few days it is usually possible to gradually decrease  
the time spent in the respirator as tolerated
- 6 In patients who survive crisis a remission may occur in  
some instances lasting for several years

- B Specific Measures**
- 1 Neostigmine Bromide USP BP 15 mg (1/4 gr) oral  
tablets Divalproate 12 tablets daily Begin with  
1 tablet every 4 hours (4 times a day) and increase dosage  
as required to give relief
  - 2 Ephedrine sulfate 12 mg (1/4 gr) with each dose of neostigmine  
often enhance the action of neostigmine
  - 3 Potassium has also been found of value to supplement  
neostigmine. It must however be given in a safe dose  
4 to 8 Gm (80-90 gr) potassium chloride 6 times a day This  
is contraindicated if cardiac condition exists
  - 4 Although a more favorable result has been reported with the  
use of corticotropin (ACTH) or cortisone therapy so vari-  
able that the outcome of these drugs cannot be considered  
Some patients have been made worse temporarily
  - 5 Tension may rise in myasthenia weakness 10 mg I.V.  
given slowly in 20 to 30 seconds 25 to 50 mg I.M. gives  
improvement lasting for hours

- C Care at Home**
- 1 A patient with myasthenia using simple terms
  - 2 Maintained in good nutrition and health
- D Signs** Thymectomy is claimed to benefit some patients

Prophylaxis  
Likelihood of relapse and neostigmine and atropine are to be carried  
at all times giving the diagnosis and method of treatment

### THIS PATIENT HAS MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

If observed: be behaving strangely or if he is found  
unconscious call for physician or ambulance

Physician Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Two ampules of neostigmine and atropine should be administered  
if he is in position. The ampules must be administered  
hypodermically in the upper arm immediately

Management During Pregnancy

Immediately after delivery children of patients with myasthenia may have severe signs of the disease. Immediate treatment with neostigmine is necessary to preserve life. After a few days the symptoms may disappear and the child thereafter does not suffer from myasthenia.

## FAMILIAL PERIODIC PARALYSIS (code No 270 x95)

A disease of unknown etiology characterized by recurrent attacks of flaccid paralysis of the muscles of the trunk and extremities and by a lowering of the serum potassium level during the attack. Immediate relief of symptoms by administration of potassium chloride is usually diagnostic.

Treatment

- A Potassium chloride 5-10 Gm (75-150 gr) orally when diagnosis has been made and then 5 Gm (75 gr) b i d q i d during acute episode as needed to prevent weakness or paralysis.
- B In emergencies only may give 1 Gm (15 gr) potassium chloride in 50-60 cc (2 oz) distilled water injected very slowly I V. This is a dangerous procedure (see page 25).

Prophylaxis

Potassium chloride 5 Gm (75 gr) at bedtime is advised by some to prevent attacks.

## Chapter 14

# METABOLIC AND ENDOCRINE DISEASES

## DISEASES OF THE PITUITARY

In the diagnosis and treatment of endocrine disorders it must be remembered that there is a very close interrelationship of the various endocrine organs. Not only do hormones exert a profound effect on all tissues of the body but the endocrine glands also exert strong influences upon one another. For this reason the manifestations of endocrine disease may be either primary to a given endocrine gland or secondary due to involvement of target glands. For example the patient with hypopituitarism may present with a picture of frank myxedema and unless it is appreciated that the primary disturbance is in the pituitary administration of thyroid hormone without simultaneous use of corticoids may result in serious Addisonian crisis.

### PANHYPOPITUITARISM (code No. 841.777) HYPOPITUITARY CACHEXIA (Simmonds Disease) (code No. 841.7773)

Organic hypopituitarism is due to destruction of the anterior pituitary which may be caused by tumors of the gland or postpartum hemorrhage (Sheehan's syndrome).

The term panhypopituitarism is possibly a misnomer since the significant variation in symptomatology from case to case may be due to varying degrees of the several anterior pituitary hormones. Hypopituitary cachexia is also a misleading term since these patients may be of normal weight or may actually be obese. Symptoms of organic hypopituitarism usually include weakness, loss of sensitivity to cold, loss of appetite and in the males amenorrhea. Physical examination reveals thyroid loss of axillary and pubic hair and atrophy of skin and genitalia. Laboratory findings are as follows: low B.M.R., low radiiodine uptake, or PBI, increased insulin sensitivity, low urinary 17-ketosteroid excretion and low urinary gonadotropin excretion. These manifestations are due largely to lack of pituitary stimulation of the target endocrine glands (thyroid, gonads and adrenal).

Differentiation of panhypopituitarism from anorexia nervosa (functional hypopituitarism) may be difficult. Psychic disturbances may be found in both conditions although a history of specific emotional stress or long standing psychiatric symptoms is more suggestive of anorexia nervosa. The nervosa patient is usually more alert and active and more able to withstand stress. The axillary hair is usually not lost in anorexia nervosa but is almost always lost in organic hypopituitarism. The low urinary gonadotropin level (less than 3 mouse units per 24 hrs) of hypopituitarism may be of aid in diagnosis but is not definitive. Improvement following special feeding technique and failure to respond to specific endocrine treatment would further suggest anorexia nervosa.

### Treatment.

There is no effective pituitary replacement preparation therapy must therefore be aimed at correcting the end organ deficiencies. This must be continued throughout life. Almost complete replacement therapy can be carried out with cortisone.

- A Cortisone or Hydrocortisone 7.5 to 25 mg ( $1\frac{3}{8}$  gr) per day is usually adequate. This should be given in divided doses 3-4 times daily.
- B Thyroid Thyroid (and insulin) should rarely if ever be used in panhypopituitarism unless the patient is receiving cortisone. *Because of lack of adrenal cortical function patients are exceedingly sensitive to these drugs.* For this reason one should exercise special care in differentiating myxedema from hypopituitarism often a difficult problem.

Begin with small doses of 15 to 30 mg ( $1\frac{1}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) daily and gradually increase to tolerance 60 to 100 mg ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 gr) is usually adequate.

### C Sex Hormones

- 1 Testosterone May be used in both males and females primarily for its tissue building (protein anabolic) effect. Dosage Testosterone Propionate U.S.P. B.P. 25 mg ( $\frac{3}{8}$  gr) daily 3 times weekly I.M. or Methyl testosterone U.S.P. B.P. 10 to 20 mg ( $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) orally in males. In females the dose of these drugs is half that for males. If virilizing signs appear in the female the drug should be stopped and these signs will disappear. Virilizing signs usually do not result if the dose is kept under 400 mg per month.
- 2 Estrogens These agents are useful in the female for their mild anabolic effect, their effect on secondary sex characteristics and their possible neutralizing effect on androgen. Diethylstilbestrol U.S.P. Stilboestrol B.P. 0.3 to 0.6 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{100}$  gr) or Ethinyl Estradiol N.N.R. 0.02 to 0.05 mg daily orally.

Note. Sex hormones especially estrogens should be employed cautiously in young panhypopituitary patients or the epiphyses will close before maximum growth is achieved.

Pituitary gigantism which is caused by adenoma or cancer of the pituitary is principally a result of hypersecretion of the growth factor. Growth which occurs primarily at the epiphyses of long bones is symmetrical and generalized and patients may attain a stature of seven feet or higher. Growth is possible only if the oversecretion of hormone occurs prior to the onset of epiphyseal closure. Local pressure symptoms of the pituitary tumor may cause headaches, dizziness and visual disturbances. An elevated serum inorganic phosphorus is one of the best diagnostic signs of activity. Glycosuria may be present.

#### Treatment

- Treatment is aimed at suppressing the pituitary growth hormone.
- Endocrine Therapy.** If gigantism is found in adolescence and there is little or no encroachment of the tumor upon adjacent structures (i.e., optic nerves), give Testosterone Propionate U.S.P. B.P. 25-50 mg ( $3\frac{3}{4}$  gr) I.M. daily and give estrogens. Ethinyl Estradiol N.N.R. 0.1-0.5 mg by mouth daily. Males should receive larger doses of testosterone and females larger doses of estrogen. This therapy will prevent further growth by causing closure of the epiphyses and may inhibit pituitary growth hormone secretion. Do not use methyl testosterone.
- Surgery and X-ray Therapy.** If there is marked encroachment upon vital fields, x-ray therapy appears to be of value. If x-ray therapy does not control tumor growth, surgery must be considered.

#### ACROMEGALY (code No 841 7762)

Hypersecretion of the growth factor of the anterior pituitary due to adenoma or carcinoma of the gland which develops after the bony epiphyses have fused results in a clinical picture of progressive growth of soft tissues and thickening of bone. The disease usually has its onset during the 2nd or 3rd decades. It is characterized by conspicuous enlargement of the jaw, nose, supraorbital ridges, hands and feet and thickening of the skin and visceral enlargement. Elevation of the inorganic serum phosphorus is an important diagnostic point. If the serum phosphorus is normal, the disease is probably inactive and requires no further treatment.

#### Treatment

- Endocrine Therapy.** Acromegaly (see above). Favorable results have been reported in some cases with endocrine therapy.



## DIABETES INSIPIDUS (Due to Unknown Cause code No 842 779)

Destruction of the posterior pituitary or impaired function of the supraoptic nuclei or of tracts from these nuclei to the posterior pituitary (63% of cases being due to tumor) causes the condition known as diabetes insipidus. This is manifested by severe thirst and marked polyuria. A polyuria of over 5 liters per day with specific gravity below 1.006 is highly suggestive of diabetes insipidus. The diagnosis is established by the Hickey Hare test. This test consists of (1) I.V. infusion of hypertonic salt solution which in patients with diabetes insipidus causes an increased urine flow and (2) administration of a test dose (0.2-0.3 cc) Vasopressin Injection U.S.P. B.P. (Pitressin®) which causes a decrease in urine flow.

### Treatment

- A Specific Therapy. Vasopressin Tannate N.N.R. (Pitressin Tannate®) 1 cc in oil I.M. is the treatment of choice. It is effective for from 24 to 72 hours. It is usually best to administer the drug in the evening so that maximal results can be obtained during sleep. Patients learn to administer the drug themselves and the dosage is adjusted as necessary. Posterior pituitary snuff inhaled 2-3 times a day may be used but it is quite irritating and absorption is uncertain. The dose varies from 30-60 mg (1/2-1 gr). The aqueous preparation (Vasopressin Injection U.S.P. Pitressin®) is rarely used in chronic treatment because of its short duration of action (1-4 hours).
- B Non specific Measures. Mild cases (or Pitressin® resistant cases) require no treatment other than adequate fluid intake.
- C X-ray therapy may be used in treatment of some cases of tumor (e.g. eosinophilic granuloma).

## THYROID

The thyroid gland utilizes inorganic iodine to form a complex physiologically active thyroxine protein compound that is necessary for normal function of the organism. The normally functioning gland removes the very low concentrations of inorganic iodine present in blood, synthesizes it through diiodotyrosine to thyroxine and possibly triiodothyronine and liberates the active materials, probably a combination of the 2 or 3 organic compounds above or derivatives thereof bound to protein. When an excess of inorganic iodine is present in the blood, the thyroid cells pick it up and store it in organic form in the colloid of the follicle. Under the influence of the anterior pituitary, this colloid material can be released with its active principle into the blood stream. The circulating organic iodine is quite constant in health, ranging from 4-8 micrograms per cc of blood.

The requirements for iodine are very slight and difficult to estimate. About 20-200 (0.02-0.2 mg) micrograms per day are

probably necessary. At times of stress especially in puberty and during pregnancy and lactation the requirement is rise as high as 200-1000 micrograms (0.2-1.0 mg) daily.

### Abnormal Metabolism

Although the iodine requirements are very slight in many areas of the United States and elsewhere the requirements cannot be met from local food and water sources.

**A Simple Iodine Lack (Simple Goiter)** Endemic goiter or colloid goiter is characterized by enlargement of the thyroid gland and is due to relative or absolute iodine deficiency. There is often a history of living in an iodine-deficient geographic area (endemic goiter areas). Symptoms appear only if the enlargement is sufficient to cause pressure on surrounding structures (esophagus, trachea or recurrent laryngeal nerve). There is no evidence of either hyper- or hypofunction and accordingly the B.M.R., serum protein bound iodine, cholesterol and radioiodine ( $^{131}\text{I}$ ) uptake are usually normal.

**B Hypothyroidism** In this condition the gland fails to manufacture adequate hormone. This may have various causes: (1) more complete iodine lack than in simple goiter; (2) inflammatory destruction of the gland (thyroiditis); (3) excessive surgical removal; (4) failure of the pituitary to elaborate thyrotropic hormone. In hypothyroidism the B.M.R., radioiodine ( $^{131}\text{I}$ ) uptake and blood organic iodine are frequently low (the latter is below 4 micrograms per cent).

**C Hyperthyroidism** This disease is characterized by excessive secretion of thyroid hormone. The causes of this are obscure but it is believed that in many cases the primary difficulty may be excessive secretion of antidiuretic pituitary thyrotropic hormone. This excessive secretion causes a speeding up of metabolic functions, especially the oxidation mechanism of cells. There is a resulting increase of B.M.R. the blood levels of organic iodine are frequently above 8 micrograms per cent and the  $^{131}\text{I}$  uptakes are high.

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### NON TOXIC DIFFUSE GOITER (code No. 810.943) (Simple Goiter)

#### Diagnosis

There is often a history of living in an endemic area. Symptoms appear only if the enlargement is so great as to cause pressure on surrounding structures (esophagus, trachea or recurrent laryngeal nerve). The B.M.R. and the serum protein bound iodine and radioiodine ( $^{131}\text{I}$ ) uptakes are normal.

#### Treatment

##### **A Specific Measures**

1. Iodine therapy (emulsion). If the enlargement is discovered early it may disappear completely with adequate iodine. Five drops daily of saturated solution of potassium iodide or

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Strong Iodine Solution U S P Aqueous Solution of Iodine B P (Lugol's solution) in  $\frac{1}{2}$  glass water is adequate therapy Continue therapy until gland returns to normal size then keep on maintenance dosage or use iodized table salt

- 2 Iodine therapy (late) If the enlargement is of long standing iodine therapy as above may be used but much regression in the size of the gland should not be expected
- 3 Some clinicians use Thyroid U S P B P 60 120 mg (1 2 gr ) in these patients especially if the goiter is multinodular

### B Indications For Surgery

- 1 Signs of pressure If signs of pressure are present the gland should be removed surgically
- 2 Potential malignancy Surgery should be considered for any thyroid gland with a single nodule for the chances of a single nodule being malignant are quite high This is particularly true in younger people and when there is no response to treatment

### Prophylaxis

With an intake of 100 200 micrograms of iodine daily this condition should not occur During times of stress (puberty pregnancy and lactation) the upper limits of this dose may prove necessary This amount is satisfied by 1 2 Gm (15 30 gr ) of iodized salt (1 5000 1 10 000 parts iodine) daily

## HYPOTHYROIDISM (code No 810 7722)

### Diagnosis

A Symptoms Early weakness easy fatigability cold sensitivity

B Signs

- 1 Early These are few and may be difficult to find dry skin and hair brittle nails and menstrual disturbances are suggestive
- 2 Later Hair tends to fall out (especially eyebrows) sweating diminishes face becomes puffy (early about the eyes) then non pitting edema spreads to the rest of the body Patient may develop anemia and heart disease
- 3 Obesity is an uncommon finding in true hypothyroidism

### C Laboratory Diagnosis

- 1 Low B M R A B M R below -30% is suggestive but not diagnostic of hypothyroidism A low B M R does not necessarily mean hypothyroidism this is especially true in obese patients (See Obesity p 390)
- 2 Serum iodine A low protein bound iodine of under 4 micrograms per cent
- 3 Decreased radiiodine ( $^{131}$ ) uptake (below 10% in 24 hours)
- 4 Other significant findings include elevated blood cholesterol (above patient's normal) and in severe cases anemia

### Treatment

A Specific Therapy Thyroid U S P B P is the preparation of choice Initial dosage varies with the severity of the hypothyroidism

- 1 Patients with severe myxedema myxedema heart disease or elderly patients with hypothyroidism with other associated heart disease. Begins with small doses 15 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) daily for 1 week and increase dose every week by 15 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) daily up to a total of 100 to 200 mg ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 gr) daily. This dosage should be continued until signs of hypothyroidism have vanished or toxic symptoms appear then stabilize dosage so as to maintain the B M R or protein bound iodine at normal or just below the level of toxicity (see below under Hyperthyroidism).
- 2 Patient with early hypothyroidism may be started with larger doses 30 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) daily increasing by 30 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) every week to the limit of tolerance.
- 3 Chronic maintenance. Each patient's dose must be adjusted to obtain the optimum effect. Most patients require 60 to 130 mg (1 to 2 gr) daily for maintenance. Optimum maintenance dosage can be estimated by following B M R or protein bound iodine and plasma histiocyte but clinical judgment is usually the best guide.

#### B. Needle use of thyroid

- 1 Questionable diagnosis. If any patient can tolerate about 200 mg (3 gr) daily of thyroid the diagnosis of hypothyroidism should be questioned. Normal individuals and obese and other non-hypothyroid individuals can tolerate doses up to 300 to 500 mg ( $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  gr) daily without changes in B M R or development of toxic symptoms.
- 2 Non-specific use of thyroid. The use of thyroid medication as non-specific stimulating therapy is mentioned only to be condemned. It has been shown that the doses usually employed (100 to 200 mg or  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 gr daily) are ineffectual in altering the metabolism of a normal individual.

## HYPERTHYROIDISM

In the past it had been customary to classify hyperthyroidism according to the gross anatomical characteristics of the gland as

- 1 Diffuse Toxic Goiter (when associated with exophthalmos Graves's disease) (code No. 810 943 6)
- 2 Nodular Toxic Goiter (code No. 810 952 6)
- 3 Hyperthyroidism Without Goiter (code No. 810 771)

However, since treatment is aimed primarily at the disturbed physiology and since there is no evidence that there are any differences in the histopathology, this discussion under the common heading of hyperthyroidism seems justified.

#### Differential

- A Symptoms. Nervousness, irritability, excitability and weight loss in spite of excessive appetite and food intake.

#### B Signs

- 1 Patient seems quick in his movements.
- 2 Warm and moist skin.
- 3 Fine tremor of extremities usually present in the fingers.
- 4 Marked weight loss and emaciation.
- 5 Goiter (at times a bruit may be heard over gland).

- 6 In exophthalmic variety exophthalmos may be marked
- 7 Cardiovascular findings vary most common is tachycardia but in older patients especially with long standing hyperthyroidism cardiac failure and auricular fibrillation are not uncommon

### C Laboratory Findings

- 1 Elevated B M R Elevated B M R may be present in other conditions such as fever malignancy (especially leukemia)
- 2 Elevated hormonal iodine Above 8 micrograms per cent is suggestive but this may be seen in pregnancy malignancy with excessive tissue destruction burns during iodine therapy and after therapeutic or diagnostic use of iodine containing organic compounds (e g drugs used for gall bladder or kidney visualization)
- 3 Increased  $^{131}$  uptake may be diagnostic
- 4 The blood cholesterol level may be low

### Treatment

Treatment is aimed at stopping the excessive secretions of the thyroid. Several methods are in use and the method of choice is still open to debate and varies with each case. The most widely accepted method however is adequate preparation followed by sub total surgical removal.

A Subtotal Thyroidectomy This is probably still the method of choice since it demands the least in follow up care. Adequate preparation is of the utmost importance. One or 2 drugs are generally necessary for adequate preparation iodine and/or one of the thiouracil group of drugs.

- 1 Iodine Has been used for years. Iodine is given in daily dosages of 5-10 drops of Strong Iodine Solution U S P Aqueous Solution of Iodine B P (Lugol's solution) or saturated solution of potassium iodide with nonspecific therapy (see below) until the B M R has dropped to below 20% the signs and symptoms have decreased and the patient has begun to gain weight. The disadvantages with iodine are as follows:
  - a A few patients may not respond especially those who have received iodine recently
  - b If there is too long a wait before surgery the gland may escape and the patient develops a more severe hyperthyroidism than before
  - c It is generally impossible to bring the B M R to normal with iodine
- 2 Thiouracil drugs Recently several thiouracil drugs or similar derivatives have been introduced. They are Propylthiouracil U S P B P Methylthiouracil N N R Methimazole N N R and one containing iodine in the molecule iodothiouracil (Itrumil®). The modes of action of the first three are probably identical that of iodothiouracil is still not entirely clear.
  - a Propylthiouracil U S P B P This drug has been most widely used and appears to be the least toxic. It is the thiouracil preparation of choice. The mode of action of this drug is such that when given in adequate dosage

It prevents the thyroid gland from incorporating inorganic iodine into its organic (hormonal) form. This effect is very rapid (within a few hours) and continues as long as the drug is given. The gland continues to attempt to manufacture the hormone (remains hyperplastic or becomes more so) but none is made. Because of this the B M R invariably falls, the rate of fall depending upon the total quantity of previously manufactured protein bound iodine available from the gland or in the circulating blood. (More protein bound iodine is present if iodine has previously been given.) The average time required for the B M R to return to normal is about 4-6 weeks. If the drug is continued the B M R will continue to fall until the patient becomes myxedematous.

- (1) The drug appears to be ideal except for 2 factors
  - (a) Danger of toxic reactions, especially granulocytopenia. This apparently happens very infrequently with propylthiouracil and can be anticipated. The patient is examined weekly and a weekly or bi-weekly blood count taken. If the WBC falls below 4300 or if less than 45% granulocytes are present therapy should be discontinued. Other rare reactions are drug fever and rash.
  - (b) The second objection is of a technical nature, since the gland may remain hyperplastic and vascular surgical removal is more difficult. Because of this combined therapy using propylthiouracil and iodine is probably the method of choice in preparing patients for thyroidectomy (see below).
- (2) Dosage. Therapy is usually continued until B M R is normal. There is no need to rush surgery; there is no danger of escape as with iodine.
  - (A) In severe cases 100-200 mg ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 gr) q i d is generally adequate.
  - (B) In rare cases especially with very large glands larger doses may be necessary.
  - (C) In milder cases 100 mg ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) b i d may be used although the larger doses are not more harmful.
- b. Methylthiouracil (N N R) is almost the same as propylthiouracil in mode of action and dosage. Toxic reaction may be more frequent.
- c. Mithimazole (N N R) (Tapazol®). The action of this drug is similar to that of the thiouracils. The dosage is about  $\frac{1}{10}$ - $\frac{1}{15}$  that of propylthiouracil. The average dose is 10-15 mg ( $\frac{1}{6}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) every 8 hours. The smaller dosage is no guarantee against toxic reactions which may be more common with this drug than the thiouracils.
- d. Iodothiouracil (Itrumil®). This iodinated thiouracil is claimed to be non goitrogenic. Although some favorable reports have been published the escape has been reports of gradual escape while on the drug as well as cases of postoperative crisis. Dosage 100-200 mg ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) t i d to q i d.

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3 Combined propylthiouracil iodine preparation The advantage of this method is that one obtains the complete inhibition of thyroid secretion with the involuting effect of iodine This can be given in 2 ways

- a Propylthiouracil followed by iodine This appears at present to be the method of choice Begin therapy with propylthiouracil about 10-21 days before surgery is contemplated (usually B M R about +20) begin the iodine and continue for 1 week after surgery
- b Concomitant administration of the 2 drugs from the start in dosages as for the individual drugs i.e. 100-200 mg ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 gr) propylthiouracil q i d and Strong Iodine Solution U S P Aqueous Solution of Iodine B P (Lugol's solution) 10-15 drops daily

### B Continuous Propylthiouracil Therapy (Medical Treatment)

Control of hyperthyroidism with propylthiouracil alone without surgery has been advocated by some

- 1 The advantage is that it avoids the risks and postoperative complications of surgery e.g. myxedema hypoparathyroidism
- 2 The disadvantage is the possibility (highly improbable) of toxic reactions (see p 371) plus the necessity of watching the patient carefully for signs of hypothyroidism Since the advent of propylthiouracil it appears that the possibility of toxic reactions is slight The patient must report to the physician if fever, sore throat or dermatitis develop

#### 3 Dosage

- a Begin with 100-200 mg ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 gr) t i d to q i d and continue this dosage until B M R is normal and all signs and symptoms of the disease have subsided then place the patient on a maintenance dose of 50-75 mg ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) daily keeping check on the B M R or protein bound iodine to avoid hypothyroidism
- b An alternative method is to continue with doses of 50-200 mg ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -3 gr) t i d to q i d This will bring the patient to hypothyroid levels keep his B M R or protein-bound iodine normal with thyroid (This may be the preferred treatment of exophthalmic goiter see p 373)
- c Duration of therapy The duration of therapy and recurrence rate have not been completely worked out However at present it would seem that of the patients kept on propylthiouracil between 6 and 18 months (the dosage slowly decreased) about 50 to 70% will show no recurrence of hyperthyroidism Increasing the duration of therapy to about 2 years or more does not increase the cure rate

C Radioactive Iodine ( $I^{131}$ ) The administration of radiiodine has proved to be an excellent method for ablation of overfunctioning thyroid tissue The rationale of treatment is that the radiiodine being concentrated in the thyroid will destroy the cells that concentrate it Its use may be lifesaving in cases of thyroid carcinoma when the cancer tissue can take up iodine Because special techniques are necessary to measure and handle the  $I^{131}$  the method is still generally limited to larger medical centers The only objections to date to  $I^{131}$  therapy are the

possibility of carcinogenesis (which has not yet been observed) and the possibility that an early carcinoma which might be removed surgically may remain undetected. Because of the above factors its use should generally be limited to older age groups (50 or above).

**D. Continuous Iodine Therapy** In the past this method was used in some cases of mild cases of hyperthyroidism with fair results, however because of the danger of escape and because of the discovery of propylthiouracil iodine should be used only for preoperative preparation.

**E. X-ray Therapy** Has been used in skilled hands with good results as a substitute for surgery but because of the time necessary to obtain complete effect (3-6 months) this method of therapy should be reserved for selected cases in which rarely indicated when  $^{131}\text{I}$  is available.

#### **F. General Management**

1. **Rest** The patient with hyperthyroidism should be treated especially in severe cases and in preparation for surgery. With the advent of propylthiouracil mild cases being treated as ambulatory patients. However severely bedridden patients require recovery.
2. **Diet** Diet should be high in calories, proteins and vitamins. The patient must consume great quantities of food, especially in negative nitrogen balance and in the extreme cases foods and vitamins because of their increased metabolic needs. Supplemental vitamin B complex should generally be employed.
3. **Sedation** When first seen the patients are often very nervous. Sedation is always helpful and very largely qualitative may be necessary to control symptoms. Phenobarbital, U.S.P. Phenobarbital, B.P. 20 mg ( $1/2$  gr) 3-4 times a day may be necessary.
4. **Thyroid on propionate** This drug has been shown to be of value in restoring positive nitrogen balance in these patients. Give 25-50 mg ( $3/8$  to  $1/2$  gr) 3-4 times daily or 2-3 times per week. Do not use methyltestosterone in hyperthyroidism as this aggravates the condition and seems to aggravate the hyperthyroidism.

#### **G. Treatment of Complications**

1. **Exophthalmos** The exact cause of exophthalmos is still unknown. Although it may be due to excessive secretion of thyrotrophic or other anterior pituitary hormone the evidence is still inconclusive. It has been shown that exophthalmos is due to edema and later vitreous infiltrations of the periorbital tissues (muscle, connective tissue, vessels, etc.). Removal of thyroid secretion (by extirpation or administration of propylthiouracil) does not necessarily help the condition and may aggravate it by stimulating malignant exophthalmos. It has been suggested that this is due to the fact that the thyroid secretion acts as an inhibitory factor on the anterior pituitary removal of the gland allowing the anterior pituitary to secrete more hormone and aggravate the condition. Some investigators believe that exophthalmos occurs with hyperthyroidism because the thyroid secretion in hyperthyroidism may be abnormal and be a cause of this.



abnormal secretion does not have any pituitary depressing effect. Therefore it would seem rational to treat this condition by giving thyroid orally.

- a. **Thyroid dosage** - Immediately after surgery or after B M R has returned to almost normal ( $\pm 20\%$ ) with propylthiouracil therapy begin giving thyroid 100-200 mg ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 gr) daily. Give dosage adequate to maintain B M R at about  $\pm 20\%$ . This therapy should be used whenever there is a tendency for progression of the exophthalmos although it is not always effective.
  - b. **Physical protection of eyes** - Dark glasses, protection from dust, eye shields, tarsorrhaphy and other measures may be necessary. Ophthalmological consultation should be requested.
  - c. **ACTH or adrenal steroids** - The use of these agents in large doses has been proposed. In some cases they have proved helpful. They probably act by reducing the inflammatory reaction which occurs in the peri-orbital tissues.
  - d. **Surgery of malignant exophthalmos** - Every patient with exophthalmos should have actual and periodic measurements made with an exophthalmometer. One should not rely upon clinical judgment to determine whether or not exophthalmos is present or progressing. In severe progressive cases where corneal edema, limitation of extraocular muscle movements and failing vision occur it becomes practically a surgical emergency to save the eyesight. The operation of choice is orbital decompression.
2. **Cardiac complications** - Whether or not thyrotoxicosis itself can cause heart disease is still unsettled; however a number of cardiac complications are at times associated with hyperthyroidism.
- a. **Tachycardia** - Some degree of tachycardia is always found if normal rhythm is present in thyrotoxicosis. This requires only the treatment of the thyrotoxicosis.
  - b. **Congestive failure** - This tends to occur in long-standing thyrotoxicosis especially in the older age groups. Therapy is the same as for congestive failure from any cause. Digitalis seems to be effective in congestive failure associated with thyrotoxicosis (see p. 187).
  - c. **Auricular fibrillation** - May occur in association with thyrotoxicosis. Treat as any other auricular fibrillation but do not try to convert the auricular fibrillation in a toxic patient. Most cases will revert to normal rhythm soon after toxicity is removed. However if fibrillation remains for 2 weeks after surgery or for 2-4 weeks after B M R has returned to normal using propylthiouracil therapy one should consider use of quinidine to convert to a normal rhythm (if no contraindications are present) (see p. 200).
- Crisis or storm** - Fortunately this condition is rare with modern forms of therapy. It occurs now mainly with inadequately thiouracil-iodine treated patients immediately after subtotal thyroidectomy. It is characterized by

hyperpyrexia, tachycardia and C.N.S. hyperirritability and delirium. The cause is uncertain but absolute or relative adrenal cortical insufficiency may be important.

- a. General treatment: Attempt to control the hyperpyrexia with cold packs and the hyperirritability with sedation.
- b. Specific measure: There is no certain specific therapy. However, the use of large doses of whole adrenal cortical extract, cortisone and corticotropin (ACTH) may be life saving. The administration of large doses of sodium iodide 1-2 Gm (15-30 gr) I.V. and repeated every 12-24 hours has been advocated.

## DISORDERS OF CALCIUM AND PHOSPHORUS METABOLISM

### NORMAL CALCIUM AND PHOSPHORUS METABOLISM

#### Calcium

- A Intake: Calcium is ordinarily derived from the diet. Average adult dietary intake is 0.5-0.8 Gm ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ -12 gr) daily and is normally adequate. During pregnancy and lactation the requirements are higher, the range being 1.5-3.0 Gm ( $22\frac{1}{2}$ -45 gr) daily.
- B Absorption: Calcium is absorbed in the small intestine.
  1. Several factors influence calcium absorption.
  2. Vitamin D: Needed for proper absorption.
  3. Presence of fatty acids or certain minerals (magnesium, potassium) may interfere with calcium absorption.
  4. pH of intestine: In reaction, acid favors absorption.
  5. Diseases of the GI tract (e.g. chronic diarrhea, pancreatic deficiency) which disturb motility and interfere with absorption.

#### Calcium and Phosphorus Metabolism

1. Blood: Calcium exists in plasma in 2 forms: a diffusible fraction (45-50%) containing the ionizable active material and a non-diffusible which is bound to the globulins. When blood calcium values are reported, these are the total (diffusible and non-diffusible) calcium and may be low when protein level is low, but the physiologically active ionizable portion may be normal, therefore, always determine serum protein when serum calcium is determined.
2. Bone: Bone is a very actively metabolizing tissue. There is constant breakdown or resorption (osteoclastic activity) and constant new bone matrix formation (osteoblastic activity) and constant calcification of this matrix. The activity of building up the new bone (osteoblastic activity) is associated with the presence of alkaline phosphatase enzyme and its liberation into the blood; this enzyme is increased when osteoblastic activity is increased.
3. Excretion: Calcium is excreted in the urine and stools. Most of the blood calcium is derived from unabsorbed dietary calcium and varies with calcium intake and absorption. The urinary calcium varies with the amount absorbed, but the excretion is not as great as with the stool calcium.

**HYPOPARATHYROIDISM (Unknown Cause code No 820 x10)**  
*(Injury due to Operation code No 820-415 x)*

A deficiency of parathyroid hormone usually occurring post operatively following thyroidectomy or surgery for parathyroid tumor or hyperplasia. It is characterized by muscle weakness, irritability, tetany, a low blood calcium, high or normal blood phosphorus, normal phosphatase and normal bones by x ray (except after removal of parathyroid tumor). Cataracts may occur particularly in young persons.

Treatment

A. Emergency Treatment for Acute Attack (Hypoparathyroid Tetany) Usually postoperative and requires immediate treatment

1. Calcium Chloride U S P B P 5-10 cc (1-2½ dr) of 10% solution I V slowly until tetany ceases or Calcium Gluconate Injection U S P B P 10-30 cc (½-1 oz) of 10% solution I V may be given. 10-50 cc of either solution may be added to 1000 cc of 5% glucose in water or saline and administered by slow I V drip. The rate should be so adjusted that hourly determination of urinary calcium by means of the Sulkowitch test will be positive.
2. Parathyroid Injection U S P 50-100 units (½-1 cc) I M or subcut 3-5 times daily as necessary to prevent tetany. Do not use parathyroid hormone for over one week because refractory state tends to develop rapidly. Use only as long as absolutely necessary. Actually parathormone is rarely ever used. It is not very practical and usually not necessary.
3. Calcium salts should be given orally as soon as possible: calcium gluconate 4 Gm (60 gr) q i d; calcium lactate or calcium chloride 2-3 Gm (30-45 gr) q i d.
4. Dihydrotachysterol (A T 10) should be given as soon as oral calcium is begun. Begin with oral dose of 4-10 cc (1-2½ dr) of oily sol (1-25 mg per cc) daily for first 2-4 days then reduce dose to 1-2 cc daily for 1-3 weeks and then determine patient's maintenance requirements.

B. Maintenance Treatment

1. High calcium low phosphorus diet (omit milk)
2. Calcium salts as above may be continued (except calcium chloride)
3. Dihydrotachysterol (A T 10) 1½-1 cc daily or 3 times weekly to maintain blood calcium at normal level.
4. Calciferol U S P 2-5 mg daily. In some cases up to 7 or 8 mg calciferol daily may be substituted for dihydrotachysterol. Vitamin D action is probably similar to that of dihydrotachysterol and it can certainly be substituted adequately clinically. The initial action of vitamin D appears to be slower. However, the cost to the patient is less than using dihydrotachysterol and the margin of safety is probably greater. Regulate the dose by daily Sulkowitch test which should run 1-2+.
5. In some patients probenecid (Benemid®) in doses of 2-4 Gm (30-60 gr) daily has been shown to block the tubular reabsorption of phosphate and hence to lower serum phosphorus.

and help restore serum calcium levels to normal in this condition

- 6 Aluminum hydroxide gel may be employed to help lower the serum phosphorus (see p 302)

## OSTEOPOROSIS (Senile Osteoporosis code No 200 798)

Osteoporosis occurs most commonly in postmenopausal patients. It is also found associated with other conditions leading to general tissue atrophy e.g. malnutrition particularly due to low protein intake. Cushing syndrome excessive use of corticotropin (ACTH) or cortisone distal atrophy (where stimulus to osteogenesis is absent) cretinism or may be idiopathic.

The first complaint is usually backache. There is x-ray evidence of rarefaction especially in lumbar vertebrae and pelvis and often collapse and fracture of vertebral bodies. Other pathological fractures may occur. The blood calcium phosphorus and alkaline phosphatase are normal.

### Treatment

A Specific measures vary with the cause but combined hormone therapy is usually indicated

- 1 Postmenopausal (mostly in females)

- a Estrogens may be of value in stimulating osteoblasts. Before beginning estrogen therapy in a postmenopausal woman perform careful pelvic examination to rule out neoplasia or other abnormality and warn patient of a relative that vaginal bleeding may occur. Administer estrogen daily 1 mg for first 5 or 7 calendar days of each month and then repeat cycle.

(1) Diethylstilbestrol USP Stilboestrol BP 0.5-2.0 mg daily as tolerated

(2) Ethinyl Estradiol N N R 0.02-0.05 mg daily as tolerated

- b Testosterone For its protein anabolic effect and hence its tendency to lay down bone matrix testosterone may be added in addition to estrogens. Give 10-20 mg methyl testosterone orally. Avoid overdosage in females excessive use may cause appearance of male secondary sexual characteristics. However these will regress if therapy is stopped.

- 2 Old age and idiopathic. A postmenopausal both sexes the same and estrogen should be used in both male and female.

- 3 Patients with malnutrition. Adequate diet is of great importance. However the hormones may be used as above if response to diet alone is poor.

- 4 Cushing's disease (see p 383)

### General

- 1 Should be high protein high-calium (milk and milk products & cereal). Vitamin supplements especially vitamin D 4000-5000 units daily may be given also.

- 2 Activity. Patients should be kept active. If bed rest is unavoidable an oral 125 mg bed should be used.

## OSTEOMALACIA (code No 200 7642)

Osteomalacia results from calcium deficiency due to any cause. In adults these include vitamin D lack or resistance (rare) and sprue syndrome or pancreatic disease. Chronic renal disease may also produce osteomalacia but more generally produces secondary hyperparathyroidism.

Rickets (code No 010 764) is the childhood type due to inadequate intake of vitamin D. Laboratory findings include a low or normal serum calcium or a low or normal serum phosphorus (except in renal disease where it may be elevated) and most characteristically an elevated phosphatase.

### Treatment

#### A Specific Therapy

- 1 Rickets Vitamin D, even in small doses, is specific. 2000-5000 units daily are adequate.
- 2 Adult osteomalacia and Milkman's syndrome. Vitamin D is specific but very large doses are necessary to overcome the absorption defect. Give until an effect is noted on blood calcium. Usual dose is 25,000-100,000 units daily. Doses up to 300,000 units daily may be necessary but if the doses are over 100,000 daily they must be used cautiously.
- 3 Pancreatic insufficiency (see p 289). Adequate replacement therapy is of paramount importance. High calcium intake and vitamin D, 2000-10,000 units daily, are also of value.
- 4 Sprue syndrome. Folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> appear to be of value (see p 226).
- 5 Some rare forms of renal disease. Treatment is aimed at the altered renal physiology.

B General Measures. High calcium diet and calcium gluconate, calcium lactate or calcium chloride, 5-20 Gm. (1-5 dr.) daily.

## ADRENAL CORTEX

### ADDISON'S DISEASE (Adrenocortical Insufficiency)

(Due to Tuberculosis code No 860 123 x)

(Undetermined Cause code No 861 782)

A disease due to lack of secretion of adrenal cortex caused by tuberculous destruction of the gland, surgery or undetermined factors. It is manifested by asthenia, anorexia and other GI disturbances, hypotension and pigmentation, usually brownish of the skin and mucous membranes. This pigmentation is mainly an accentuation of already pigmented areas and a deposition of pigment in skin creases.

The laboratory findings include a low blood sugar, increased insulin sensitivity, low blood sodium and chloride, elevated potassium, elevated N.P.N. and a positive water test. There is a decrease of 17-ketosteroid excretion in the female and lack of response to adrenocorticotrophic hormone in primary Addison's disease.

## Treatment

## A Specific Therapy (Chronic Case)

1 Cortisol or hydrocortisone The drugs of choice at present for Addisonian patients are well maintained on dosages of 6-25 mg (1/10-3/8 gr) daily given in divided doses 3 to 4 times daily orally. On this dose most of the metabolic abnormalities are corrected. Some patients however do not obtain sufficient salt retaining effect and they require some D O C A supplement or extra dietary salt.

2 Deoxycorticosterone Acetate USP Deoxycortone Acetate (D O C A) The effect of this drug is limited to controlling electrolyte balance and has no other significant metabolic effect.

a Intramuscular administration of D O C A may be used initially but is rarely necessary. The usual dose for a supplement is 1-4 mg daily. When the response has been adequate (see below) change to buccal use.

b Buccal use of D O C A (hard compressed tablets containing 2 mg of D O C A in carbowax). One tablet daily at most 1 tablet twice daily will give adequate supplementation. The tablet is placed between cheek and teeth and allowed to dissolve. The dosage of subcutaneous Deoxycortison trimethylacetate 25-75 mg I M once monthly may be used instead of D O C A (25 mg I M once monthly is roughly equivalent to 1 mg D O C A in oil per day).

**CAUTION** Whenever using D O C A avoid overdosage. Also do not have patient on low potassium diet when giving D O C A. If patient may develop signs of potassium deficiency.

3 Sodium chloride in larger dose (5-20 Gm daily) may be used to supplement cortisone in the absence of D O C A.

## C General Measures

a High carbohydrate and high protein intakes are very important.

b Frequent small feedings rather than 3 large ones tend to be better tolerated.

2 Avoid exposure to infection and treat all infections immediately and vigorously.

3 Testosterone Methyltestosterone 10-20 mg daily orally or 1 testone propionate in oil 10-25 mg I M three times weekly is often helpful for its protein anabolic effect as well as for the anaplastic effect of well being it induces in the debilitated patient.

## Criteria of Adequate Therapy and Overdosage

- 1 Maintenance of blood pressure to normal. May require up to 3-4 months with adequate therapy.
- 2 Maintenance of normal fasting blood sugar level.
- 3 Return of plasma electrolytes to normal levels.
- 4 Weight gain (usually due to fluid).
- 5 Improvement of appetite and of general strength.

6 Increase in size of heart to normal

- B Overdosage Must be watched for and avoided very carefully especially in patients with cardiac or renal complications
- 1 Signs and symptoms of cortisone overdosage (see p. 423)
  - 2 Development of dependent edema or excessive weight gain
  - 3 Development of hypertension
  - 4 Increase of diameter of heart above normal
  - 5 Development of signs of potassium deficiency (weakness followed by loss of muscle power and finally paralysis) especially if patient is on a low potassium diet

### Treatment of Adrenal Crisis (Acute Adrenal Insufficiency)

The adrenal crisis is an emergency. The patient must be treated vigorously and observed constantly until well out of danger. *Overtreat rather than undertreat.*

#### A. Severe Crisis

##### 1. Emergency treatment

- a Anti shock measures. Combat shock by use of appropriate adjunctive measures (see p. 31) especially plasma, vasopressor drugs and oxygen. Do not use narcotics or sedatives.
- b Hydrocortisone. Administer hydrocortisone free alcohol (Infusion Concentrate Hydrocortisone®) 100 mg in 1000 cc 5% glucose in physiological saline solution by I.V. infusion over a period of 1 to 3 hours. An additional 50-100 mg of hydrocortisone may be added to subsequent infusions during the first 24 hours if necessary. (If parenteral hydrocortisone is not available give aqueous adrenal cortical extract 25-50 cc I.V. immediately and follow with 100-200 cc aqueous adrenal cortical extract in 1000 cc saline dextrose infusion.)
- c Cortisone acetate. Give initial cortisone acetate 10-25 mg I.M. in four different sites (total 40-100 mg). Follow with single injections of cortisone 25-50 mg I.M. every 6 hours and gradually lengthen intervals of administration to 25 mg every 8 hours.
- d Subsequent parenteral fluids. After the first I.V. infusion mentioned above is completed it should be followed immediately by 1000 cc 10% glucose in physiological saline solution (including additional hydrocortisone as mentioned above). The total fluids in the first 24 hours and daily thereafter should not be greater than 3 liters in order to avoid excessive administration of sodium.
- e Anti-infective measures. If infection is present treat intensively with indicated antibiotic.

- 2 Convalescent treatment. When patient is able to take food by mouth place on oral cortisone 12.5-25 mg every 6 hours and reduce dosage to maintenance levels as needed.

- B Moderate Crisis. If the patient's physical condition does not appear to be critical and is not associated with a significant degree of shock the treatment outlined above may be modified by appropriate reduction in dosage. However it is generally best to overtreat the patient in moderate crisis during the first 24 hours rather than risk undertreatment.

#### C. Complications Arising During Course of Treatment of Crisis

- 1 Overhydration Overhydration usually due to sodium retention may result in cerebral edema (with unconsciousness or convulsions) or pulmonary edema. Withhold sodium and fluids temporarily and treat for this condition (see p 21).
- 2 Hypokalemia Flaccid paralysis with low serum K usually occurring on 2-4th days of treatment may be treated with K salts (see p 21).
- 3 Hyperpyrexia This complication is rare with present intravenous method (See p 30 for therapy).
- 4 For the complications of adrenal steroid therapy (e.g. psychotic reactions) see p 423.

**CUSHING'S SYNDROME (Adrenocortical Hyperfunction)**  
 (Pituitary Basophilism code No 841.7763)  
 (Adrenocortical Hyperfunction code No 861.7813)

Acute and if untreated usually fatal disease due to hyperfunction of the adrenal cortex caused by primary hyperplasia or adenoma of the adrenal cortex. The underlying physiological disturbance is probably an overproduction of the labile (glucose and protein like) secretion of the adrenal cortex. It is manifested by a thin, weight gain, weakness, hypotension and minimal striae on the trunk and extremities. In mild cases in females and sexual dystrophy (menstrual irregularities) and at times of excessive retention of urinary oxysteroids and at times of ketosteroids. Pituitary or retroperitoneal gas in relation to the tumor which may be removed surgically. A low osmotic pressure is found in the blood usually below 50 per cent mm.

Treatment

In evaluating the results of therapy the following is done: great caution must be applied for the disease may be subject to spontaneous remission of which may last for years.

A Specific Therapy

- 1 Removal of the tumor or total or bilateral resection of both adrenals in the case of diffuse bilateral hyperplasia is the present treatment of choice. Adequate preoperative medication and care is of almost importance. The patient should receive all general measures indicated below plus adequate hormonal supplementation where surgery is indicated.
- 2 Preparation with corticotropin (ACTH) should be carried out well before cortisone therapy for bilateral adrenalectomy (see below). The ACTH stimulation test the non-tumorous adrenal cortex which is generally atrophied. Treatment with hydrocortisone for 7-14 days should be continued postoperatively for 3-5 days.
- 3 If bilateral adrenalectomy is contemplated give high doses of cortisone 100-300 mg (11-42 g) orally as well as 100-300 mg IM for 3-5 days preoperatively and continue the IM and possibly the oral dosage during and



after surgery After surgery gradually decrease the dose and maintain the patient as a chronic Addisonian patient (see p 381) Because of danger of precipitating heart failure care must be exercised to avoid excessive fluids and sodium

- 2 X ray therapy to the pituitary may be of value only in rare cases of hyperplasia

#### B General Measures

- 1 Diet High protein diet should be given although dietary attempts to correct the negative nitrogen balance are doomed to failure
- 2 Hormones
  - a Testosterone has been of value in reversing the negative nitrogen balance and possibly in suppressing the pituitary secretion of adrenocorticotrophic hormone thereby aiding certain features of the disease (namely asthenia fat distribution osteoporosis and striae) and possibly in prolonging life For this testosterone propionate in oil 25-50 mg daily I M has been found necessary
  - b Insulin is usually of little or no value in controlling the glycosuria and hyperglycemia Insulin is usually unnecessary as the diabetes is quite mild

### VIRILIZING DISEASES OF FEMALES

(Due to Tumor code No 8041)

In the adult the virilizing or masculinizing disease is usually caused by a tumor arising in the adrenal ovary or from cell rests of one of the above tissues It is characterized by excessive hirsutism (especially of male type) amenorrhea enlargement of clitoris deepening of voice excessive musculature and excessive 17 ketosteroid excretion Surgical removal of the tumor is the treatment of choice

Another form of the disease begins in childhood It is due to over production of androgen type hormones from bilaterally hyperfunctioning adrenal cortices In many of these patients there may be associated manifestations of hypoadrenocorticism (i e excessive salt and water loss and failure to maintain a fasting blood sugar) Treatment with cortisone or hydrocortisone has proved valuable in reducing the activity of the glands (apparently through suppression of endogenous ACTH) and in supplying exogenously needed cortisone Dosages necessary have ranged from 20-50 mg ( $1\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{3}{4}$  gr) daily orally in divided doses Some investigators feel that the same dose of cortisone acetate by the I M route may be more efficacious in this syndrome

Most cases of excessive hirsutism in females are not due to endocrine disease but to hereditary or racial factors and should not and cannot be treated by any internal medications or surgery

### HYPOGONADISM

Hypogonadism is due to a failure of the sex glands to elaborate in quantities of their hormones to bring about or maintain the of secondary sexual characteristics

## MALE HYPOGONADISM

Etiology

Failure of the gonads may result from several causes. This failure may be primary (i.e. due to testicular disease) or secondary to malfunction of other glands, most often the pituitary or thyroid.

- A Testicular Hypogonadism (Eunuchoidism) (code No. 755.787)
- B Male Climacteric (code No. 808)
- C Congenital Hypoplasia of Testicles (code No. 755.016)
- D Degeneration of the Testis Due to Infection (code No. 755.100.8)
- E Necrosis of Testis due to Trauma (code No. 755.400.1)

Diagnosis

The physiological diagnosis of the etiology of hypogonadism (e.g. primary or secondary) is usually based on laboratory tests

| Type of Hypogonadism   | Urinary 17 Ketosteroids       | Urinary Gonadotropins                          |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Primary                | Low or normal                 | Elevated                                       |
| Secondary<br>Pituitary | Usually low but may be normal | Very low                                       |
| Anorexia<br>Nervosa    | Low or normal                 | Low normal. Not generally a low pituitary type |
| Thyroid<br>(Tertiary?) | Low or normal                 | Low  |

Many clinical syndromes have been described but basically they all fall into one of two categories. The differences are outlined below.

- A Prepubertal Type Should not be diagnosed before 18 years of age. This is a failure of development of normal testicular function and is manifested by small or absent testicles, small penis, lack or diminution of axillary and pubic hair, lack of masculine development, often younger bone age than chronological age.
- B Postpubertal Type Loss of cessation of normal testicular function (usually traumatic infection, x-ray and 'male climacteric'). Apparently the 'normal' cessation of testicular function in the male is not generally as acute and tends to occur much later in life than the cessation of ovarian function in the female. However, at least in some men there is a rather rapid cessation with the development of symptoms as in male menopause (see p. 388).

Treatment

Testosterone (the male sex hormone) is the drug used for replacement therapy in this condition. (For preparations available see p. 423.)

- A Prepubertal Hypogonadism Adequate testosterone therapy can

make these individuals into normal adult males in every way except that they cannot produce sperm. These patients must be placed on testosterone and maintained for life on adequate doses of testosterone. There is little evidence that any pituitary substance or gonadotropin is of significant value in treating these patients (see pp 412-413).

- 1 Any of the testosterone preparations may be used but the free testosterone pellet implantation in experienced hands seems to be most useful. The dosage (number of pellets) is as follows: 300 mg (5 gr) is the minimal but an effective dose. Average is about 600 mg (10 gr). For maximum effect about 900 mg (15 gr) are implanted. The pellets are implanted subcutaneously with a trocar or into a pocket made by blunt dissection. Either the inferior scapular area or anterior thigh area is used. Testosterone pellets remain and are effective for 3-4 months and then must be replaced.
- 2 An alternative method is the oral or sublingual administration of methyltestosterone. This requires daily administration of the drug to the patient and entails all the difficulties of prolonged oral administration. Dosage varies with various individuals but 10-25 mg ( $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$  gr) daily orally is usually adequate dosage to cause maturation and virilization and maintenance of this state. Evidence now indicates that there is no advantage of buccal over oral administration.
- 3 Long acting testosterone preparations. Testosterone cypionate (Depo testosterone®) 250-500 mg IM every 2-4 weeks may also be employed.

B. Postpubertal. Oral use of methyltestosterone is probably the method of choice. The dosage necessary to control symptoms and to aid in overcoming the protein loss and debility of age is often as low as 10-20 mg ( $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{3}$  gr) daily. This dose may be used for a short period of time to control symptoms or may be continued indefinitely for control of symptoms and for its protein anabolic effect.

## FEMALE HYPOGONADISM

The most common symptom of female hypogonadism is amenorrhea. However, most cases of relative amenorrhea are not due to hypogonadism.

### AMENORRHEA (code No 761)

#### Etiology

Normal maturation depends on many factors. From the functional point of view there must be an intact pituitary-gonadal-uterine axis. Any break in the cycle of production of the various pituitary or ovarian hormones concerned with normal menstruation or the lack of an endometrium capable of response to ovarian hormones will result in amenorrhea. Treatment is based in great measure on the level at which the disturbed physiology exists.

# Dagnosis

The usual order of special diagnostic steps and their interpretation follows

1. Test for Endocrine Production Administer 10-25 mg (95-38 mg) progesterone orally daily for 5 days. If bleeding occurs within 48-96 hours after the last dose, it is indicative of endogenous progesterone production. If no bleeding occurs, this indicates a lack of endogenous function. Endometrial biopsy in that case gives evidence.
2. Test for Endocrine Production Administer 1 mg diethylstilbestrol orally daily for 10 days. If bleeding occurs within 72-96 hours after the last dose, it is indicative of endogenous progesterone production. If no bleeding occurs, it is indicative of a lack of endogenous progesterone production. This procedure may be done before the administration of estrogen.
3. No menses 10-30 months after administration of estrogen. Primarily pituitary failure. Or 75 units/24 hours. Primarily ovulatory failure.
4. Other possibilities include:
  - a. Body temperature record shows biphasic pattern, mainly of vaginal menses, and endometrial biopsy shows mainly of vaginal menses. When there is a normal cyclic (estrogen-progesterone) pattern, it is being followed.
  - b. Exploratory laparotomy will help when diagnosis is in doubt.

# Treatment

The aim of therapy of amenorrhoea is not to cause the appearance of menses (except psychological reasons) but to attain reproductive function.

1. Primary Amenorrhoea (No Previous Menstruation) This should be treated if patient is under 16 years of age. The treatment of this condition differs little from secondary amenorrhoea. These cases are usually due to organic pathology which should be corrected. If no organic pathology is characteristic, have not developed, treatment depends on underlying condition.
2. Secondary Amenorrhoea Treatment depends on underlying condition.
  - a. Specific measures: It is not necessary to treat all cases of amenorrhoea, especially amenorrhoea or irregular menses in young unmarried girls. These will generally become corrected after marriage or first pregnancy. In cases with normal reproductive function, the administration of hormone for the last 3 days of the month orally or parenterally (see p. 422) will correct the amenorrhoea.
  - b. In cases unresponsive to progesterone: Although gonadotrophins would appear to be of value usually they are

not (see p 413) Employ estrogen alone or in combination with progesterone (see p 422)

(2) With high urinary gonadotropins Gonadotropins are likewise of no value treat as above

## 2 General measures

- a Adequate diet and dietary treatment as needed to correct abnormal deviation of weight
- b Psychotherapy in cases of emotional disturbances
- c Correction of anemia (see p 219)
- d Correction of any other metabolic abnormality (e g hypothyroidism)

## MENOPAUSE

### Etiology

Failure of the ovaries may result from several causes most common of which are the natural menopause and menopause due to surgical removal or to x ray The failure may be secondary to mal function of other glands most often the pituitary or thyroid

A Menopausal Syndrome (code No 805)

B Artificial Menopause Due to Roentgen Rays (code No 788 471)

C Hypofunction of Ovary Due to Unknown Cause (code No 788 x10)

### Diagnosis

The menopause is due to a loss of ovarian function and is manifested by vasomotor disturbances (e g hot flashes) nervousness emotional instability and amenorrhea Abnormal uterine bleeding may occur in the natural menopause before amenorrhea sets in

### Treatment

A Natural Menopause The menopause in the female is characterized by at least 2 important factors *physiological* failure of ovarian function which occurs rather rapidly in the female and *psychological* recognition of the fact that reproductive life is at an end Many believe that as a result of this there is a marked change of life an implication that in addition to cessation of reproductive function there is complete alteration in one's way of life sexual activities personal interrelationships etc This latter belief is entirely erroneous Most women go through the menopause without any difficulty in fact without symptoms However in those having symptoms one must carefully evaluate the role of the physiological and psychological factors before beginning any therapy Most cases will have a mixture of physiological and psychological factors

- 1 Physiological aspects (estrogen therapy) There are certain symptoms that seem undoubtedly to be due to the cessation of ovarian function the most prominent being vasomotor instability (e g flushing) Another may be the feeling of tension especially fullness in the head In women who suffer primarily from symptoms of cessation of ovarian function use of estrogens is indicated The dosage and method of administration used depends on whether or not the patient is still menstruating

- a If patient has regular periods she probably is manufacturing sufficient estrogen and does not need therapy
- b If cycles are very irregular and the patient suffers from menopausal symptoms, estrogen given in cyclical fashion may be helpful. Begin estrogens about 5 days after onset of last menstrual period and continue in a cyclic fashion. Ethinyl Estradiol N N R 0.05 mg or Diethylstilbestrol U S P Stilboestrol B P 0.5 mg by mouth daily except the first 5 days of each month. This is simple for patient to remember.
- c If patient has become amenorrheic there is no reason to give estrogens in dose large enough to reinstitute menses but only to control symptoms.
- d Duration of therapy. This has not been standardized and must be adjusted to the individual case. Three months to 1 year is usually sufficient.
- e Maintenance dose for life. Because of the anabolic effect of estrogens and because of their known beneficial effect on calcium metabolism, estrogen therapy has been recommended for the duration of life for women beyond the menopause. The advisability of this practice will undoubtedly not be settled for a long time.

If a patient is on long term estrogen therapy she should keep a permanent record of her dosage schedule and bleeding. Whenever bleeding occurs that is not on schedule (during withdrawal phase) an investigation for tumor should be instituted. Vaginal cytological examination should be carried out routinely every 6 months or 1 year.

- 2 Psychological aspects. Many of the symptoms of the menopause are undoubtedly psychological. The most common symptom is anxiety, more severe emotional disorders may occur.

- a Sedation. Phenobarbital U S P Phenobarbitone B P 15 mg (1/4 gr) t i d q i d
- b Psychotherapy. Simple explanation and reassurance that their lives need not be changed because of the menopause are adequate in most patients. In the more severe cases however the aid of a psychiatrist may prove necessary.

- 3 Physical and X-ray Menopausal. These cases differ from the natural menopause only in the abruptness and severity of the symptoms, both physiological and psychological. If these patients it is advisable to help them patient live as normal a life as possible. If the patients can be made to have normal periods and if they want and that their menstrual cycle will go on unharmed they usually make suitable adjustments. Estrogen therapy is a for natural menopause (see above).

#### Complications of Postmenopausal Hypogonadism and Treatment

##### A Osteoporosis (see p 379)

- B Small tablets. Give Diethylstilbestrol U S P Stilboestrol B P 0.5 mg (1/40 gr) or other estrogens (p 422) daily orally. Stilbestrol vaginal suppositories (containing 1 mg (1/40 gr)) may be used daily for 10 to 14 days while continuing oral stilbestrol.

## MENORRHAGIA (code No 785 x20) FUNCTIONAL UTERINE BLEEDING

With the gradual failure of ovarian function excessive bleeding at the time of the menses is a common occurrence. This has been shown to be due to prolonged hypoestrogenic effect without concomitant progesterone production.

Another type of functional uterine bleeding occurs most commonly in young women. Here a hyperestrogenic effect is responsible. In any case of prolonged and unusual bleeding suspect and rule out neoplasms of the uterus.

Treatment consists of administration of progesterone 100 mg (1 $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) orally or 10-15 mg ( $\frac{1}{16}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  gr) I.M. daily for 5 days. This converts the proliferative endometrium into a secretory one with complete shedding when the progesterone is withdrawn.

## OBESITY (code No 007)

(Due to Excess Food code No 010 70x)

(Undetermined Cause code No 010 70y)

Obesity may be defined as an increase in weight of over 10% above normal due to generalized deposition of fat in the body.

Normal weight is difficult to determine for average clinical practice, however, normal as defined by the standard age, height and weight tables is satisfactory (see table p. 572).

From a metabolic point of view all obesity has a common cause: intake of more calories than are required for energy metabolism. The reasons for differences in the energy utilization of various individuals whereby that one person can utilize his calories more efficiently than another is unknown. Although most cases of obesity are due to simple overeating, a few endocrine disorders lead to specific types of obesity (e.g. Cushing's syndrome and hypothalamic lesions) but these conditions are rare. Hypothyroidism on the other hand is not necessarily associated with obesity.

### Treatment

Specific weight reducing chemical agents and hormones singly or in combination are either ineffective or hazardous and have no place in the treatment of exogenous obesity.

A. Diet (see p. 56) Diet is the most important factor in the management of obesity. There are a number of points to consider:

1. Calories In order to lose weight it is necessary to decrease the intake to below the caloric requirements of the individual (see p. 45). One can determine a very approximate average weight loss per day with a given diet by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Approximate Caloric Requirement Per Day} - \text{Number of Calories in Diet}}{4000} = \text{Weight Loss in lbs. / Day}$$

The number of calories per day to prescribe for a patient varies with age, occupation, temperament and the urgency of the need for weight reduction. A daily caloric intake of 800-1200 Calories is satisfactory for a reducing diet.

There is no evidence that supervised rapid weight loss is harmful. It has been shown that with adequate protein intake nitrogen balance can be maintained on 350-450 Calorie per day. In the severely restricted diet ketonuria may appear. It is usually very slight after the first few days, however, and acidosis has never been observed. In addition since the patients realize they are on a diet they often will adhere more willingly when they show rapid weight loss than when the results seem to be slow in appearing.

2. Protein. A protein intake of at least 1 Gm/kg (0.45 Gm/lb) should be maintained. If it is necessary to add protein to the low caloric diet protein hydrolysate or casein that is free of carbohydrate and fat can be used.

3. CHO and fat. To keep the calories and ketosis down fats are decreased as much as possible. After the protein requirement has been met most of the remaining diet is applied from CHO.

4. Vitamins and minerals. Most restricted diet is likely to be deficient in vitamins but adequate in minerals. Therefore any good vitamin preparation should be used to supply the average daily maintenance requirements during the time of weight reduction.

5. Sodium restriction. It has been shown that a normal person on a salt free diet will lose from 5-6 lb (2.3 Kg) of weight. This reduction is temporary and the weight will return when salt is added to the diet. The same is true of the bee pettles and although an apparently dramatic effect can be obtained with salt free diets it is of no permanent value.

#### B. Medication

1. To decrease the appetite. Amphetamine Sulfate, L.S.P. has proved of immense value in aiding patients on reducing regimen by decreasing the appetite and giving a sense of well being. In proper doses it is rarely contraindicated except in cardiovascular diseases especially hypertension and in those patients in whom the drug produces CNS stimulation. Because of its CNS stimulating effect it is best to avoid amphetamine by not giving the drug in the evening. The drug is usually given twice a day in the morning and early afternoon or 12 hours before bedtime.

2. Dosage. Amphetamine sulfate (Benzedrine®) 5-10 mg (1/2 to 1 gr) b.i.d. or amphetamine (Benzedrine®) 2 1/2-5 mg (1/4 to 1/2 gr) b.i.d.

3. Drugs to speed up metabolism. There is no effect, so far as is known, to speed up metabolism.

4. Thyroid. Thyroid has little or no place in the management of obesity. The low BMR found associated with obesity is merely an artifact caused by the fact that the amount of body surface area is small. The body surface area of obese patients is increased but the increase is due to a relatively poor oxygen consumption. Namely, fatty tissue is apparently low BMR more active tissue and hence an increase in the caloric requirement of an obese individual is greater than they would be if the same individual were of normal



- 2 Liver glycogen stores become depleted in supplying glucose to the body
- 3 Protein stores begin to break down at an excessive rate to supply glucose (gluconeogenesis)
- 4 Fat becomes the main source of energy
- 5 Fat oxidation is very efficient to the point of ketone body formation ( $\beta$  hydroxybutyric acid and acetoacetic acid)
- 6 The maximum rate of ketone body oxidation by the peripheral tissues is slower than their rate of formation
- 7 As a result of increased ketone body formation and their slow utilization ketone bodies accumulate in the blood and spill over into the urine. Since these substances are acid they are excreted in the urine joined to fixed base ( $\text{Na}^+$   $\text{K}^+$   $\text{Ca}^{++}$  etc.) The accumulation of acid ions and loss of fixed base result in the condition known as acidosis

### Diagnosis

The typical clinical features in untreated diabetes mellitus are polydipsia polyphagia polyuria and weight loss but these occur only in the more severe forms of the disease. Because of the varied and nonspecific symptomatology of the disease the actual diagnosis of diabetes rests upon laboratory evidence. It should be emphasized that all laboratory tests for diabetes are nonspecific and abnormalities of one or all may occur in other diseases (e.g. hyperthyroidism liver disease). However in the absence of other diseases glycosuria and hyperglycemia are diagnostic.

- A Glycosuria The presence of reducing substances identified as glucose in the urine is excellent presumptive evidence
- B Hyperglycemia The finding of an elevated fasting blood sugar and/or abnormal blood sugar level 2 hours after a meal containing 100 grams of carbohydrate or a dose of 100 grams of glucose is almost diagnostic in the absence of other diseases. This test should be performed however only after the patient has been on a high carbohydrate diet for at least 48 hours. It is well known that the previous diet influences carbohydrate tolerance. A high fat diet will decrease tolerance (i.e. give diabetic type curve even in normals) and a high carbohydrate diet will increase tolerance.
- C Interpretation of Blood Sugar Tests A normal fasting blood sugar does not rule out diabetes. If the 2 hour postprandial blood sugar level is over 140 one can be reasonably certain that the condition is diabetes. If the blood sugar level is between 90 and 140 it is necessary to perform a glucose tolerance test to establish the diagnosis.

### TREATMENT OF DIABETES MELLITUS

In order to treat patients with diabetes it is necessary that one be thoroughly familiar with the following

- 1 Insulin (probably of greatest importance)
- 2 Diet
- 3 Influence of exercise
- 4 Prompt treatment of complications etc

Insulin

Insulin is utilized clinically to enhance carbohydrate oxidation. This is manifested clinically by noting the lowering of the blood sugar or the lessening or disappearance of glycosuria.

A Duration of Action of Insulin Preparation There are 3 main types of insulin: 1. Short acting insulin (USP BP)

a Regular insulin

b Crystalline zinc insulin (For clinical purposes the actions of these 2 insulins are identical. Crystalline zinc insulin is preferred only because of its greater purity). These are used mainly in controlling postprandial blood sugar elevations.

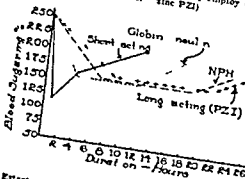
2 Long acting insulin Protamine Zinc Insulin Injection (USP BP). This is useful for lowering the milder hyperglycemia which is present during the remainder of the time between meals.

3 Intermediate acting insulin

a Isophane insulin NPH (NPH). A stable mixture with properties much like a 2:1 mixture and has to be replaced by PZI in the management of most diabetic patients. It may also be tailored to fit the patient by addition of appropriate amounts of regular insulin.

b Globin insulin with Zinc (USP). This insulin is similar in action to 2:1 insulin mixture except that its duration of effect is not prolonged. It is useful in many diabetic patients but it cannot be mixed with short acting insulin.

c For clinical use intermediate acting insulin may be prepared by mixing a short acting and a long acting insulin in a suitable ratio. By the use of these mixtures one obtains a balance between the immediate effect and the prolonged effect by modifying the mixture according to the individual needs of the patient. The mixtures usually employed clinically are 2:1 or 3:1 (crystalline zinc PZI).



Extent and Duration of Action of Various Insulins (in a Fasting Diabetic)

- (1) Points to remember in use of insulin mixtures
  - (a) Regular insulin must always be withdrawn into syringe before withdrawing PZI (because of protamine excess in PZI)
  - (b) Same unitage of regular insulin and PZI must be used
  - (c) General effect of I/PZI mix (urea)
    - 1 1 largely PZI effect (little point to this mixture)
    - 2 1 intermediate daytime nitetime effect
    - 3 1 greater daytime effect
- (2) Application of tailored insulin mixtures
  - (a) If glycosuria occurs in all fractional urines increase total insulin mixtures
  - (b) If glycosuria occurs in fractional urines 1 and 2 only (daytime glycosuria) increase regular insulin in mixture
  - (c) If glycosuria occurs in fractional urines 3 and 4 only (nitetime glycosuria) increase PZI in mixture

B Commercial insulin preparations come in various strengths (units/cc) in 5 and 10 cc ampules identified as follows

| Potency Preparation     | Color of Rubber Stopper | Color of Label                        |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| U20 Unmodified regular  | Yellow                  | Yellow                                |
| U20 Crystalline         | Yellow                  | Gray and blue or blue gray and yellow |
| U20 PZI                 | Not Available           |                                       |
| U40 Unmodified regular  | Red                     | Red                                   |
| U40 Crystalline         | Red                     | Red and gray                          |
| U40 PZI                 | Red                     | White label with red printing         |
| U40 NPH                 | Red                     | Blue and white                        |
| U40 Globin Zinc         | Red                     | Red and brown                         |
| U80 Unmodified regular  | Green                   | Green                                 |
| U80 Crystalline         | Green                   | Green and gray                        |
| U80 PZI                 | Green                   | White label with green printing       |
| U80 NPH                 | Green                   | Blue and white                        |
| U80 Globin Zinc         | Green                   | Green and brown                       |
| U100 Unmodified regular | Orange                  | Orange                                |

### C Administration of Insulin.

- 1 Selection of insulin preparation In view of the large number of insulin preparations available there is often great confusion regarding dosage. Therefore it is necessary to place the patient on one type of insulin and have him become familiar with this type. One uses an insulin of such strength that the volume per injection is kept at 0.25 to 0.5 cc. About 80% of patients are able to use U40 insulins.

- 2 **Syringes** In order to aid patient syringes are available calibrated in units (U) rather than cubic centimeters. Many of these syringes have 2 calibrations (U20 U40 or U40 U80) and it is important to have the patient thoroughly understand which one he is using. It is advisable however to employ a syringe having one calibration only. Special syringes are available for blind diabetic patients.
- 3 **Sites of injection** Insulin is usually administered subcutaneously. The site of injection is generally the anterior thigh but insulin may also be given in the lateral thigh, in the arms or anterior abdomen or in unusual circumstances subcutaneously in another part of the body. It is important that the site be constantly changed so that the same site is not injected more often than once every 2-3 weeks. Crystallin and regular insulin may be administered I.V. to patients who have been taking insulin with an allergic reaction. Do not give PTH or PTH intravenously.

### Diet in Diabetes

The nutritional needs of the diabetic patient are not significantly different from those of normal individuals. The principal question to be settled is the quantity and type of carbohydrate to be allowed in the diet. (For detailed food charts in making up diets see pp 44-51 and for examples of diabetic diets see p 55.)

Nutrition Whenever possible diabetic diets should be made up in terms of household measures rather than weight for clinically the extra accuracy gained by weighing is generally unnecessary.

The following factors must be taken into consideration in estimating the diet:

- A Calorie Needs (See p 45.) The caloric needs of the diabetic are estimated as for a non-diabetic individual and the same variability must be considered. In general one should remember that the diabetic patient should be kept at normal or slightly subnormal weight levels and never permitted to become obese.
- B Protein Protein must be adequate and high protein diets are desirable because the available glucose (50%) from protein is released more slowly for utilization than ingested carbohydrate. At least 1 Gm. of protein per Kg. (0.45 Gm./lb.) of body weight should be given although 1.2-2 Gm./Kg. (0.7-0.9 Gm./lb.) are preferable.
- C Carbohydrate Carbohydrate should not be given in concentrated form. Preference should be given to 5% and 10% fruits and vegetables. These take longer to digest and absorb and a less variable blood sugar level is obtained. The question of adequate versus restricted carbohydrate in the diet is still unsettled. In general the view is taken that in the diabetic the aim is to keep the individual as close to physiological normal as possible and hence to keep his carbohydrate at approximately normal levels and to administer insulin if necessary to control a resulting hyperglycemia and glycosuria. In general therefore 2-3 Gm. of carbohydrate per Kg. (0.9-1.4 Gm./lb.) of body weight is recommended at the start of treatment. If patient's tolerance increases with treatment gradually increase carbohydrate to 4 Gm. per Kg. (1.8 Gm./lb.) of body weight. This is a general rule and in some mild diabetes it

may be advisable to keep the carbohydrate level down to avoid the use of insulin. However, both for physiological and for psychological reasons, the carbohydrate level should in no case be below 100 Gm. per day.

- D Fat. After the carbohydrate and protein amounts have been determined, fat is given to make up the remaining caloric requirements.
- E Vitamins. Patients with diabetes tend to develop vitamin deficiencies, especially of the B complex. The reasons are not always clear but may be due to inadequate food intake, restricted diets, or increased requirements or improper utilization of vitamins. Deficiencies on adequate diets are rare. If they occur, treat as needed (see p. 58).
- F Frequency of Feeding. Diabetics should be given small frequent feedings rather than large meals. By frequent feedings, the use of high protein intake and less concentrated carbohydrate foods, one can maintain a lower and more even blood sugar level with less glycosuria. An excellent plan is to divide the feedings into six meals: three regular meals and three small feedings (e.g., milk) at mid morning, mid afternoon, and bedtime.

#### Other Factors Influencing Diabetes

- A Exercise. Exercise enhances the oxidation of sugar, hence it diminishes the need for insulin. Therefore, exercise in moderation is beneficial. However, patients taking insulin should be cautioned against strenuous exercise without fortifying themselves previously with extra carbohydrate. (It is not uncommon to have a hypoglycemic reaction after a set of tennis.) When regulating a patient, have him perform approximately the same amount of exercise as will be required by his normal activities. This is true also of hospital-regulated diabetics.
- B Complicating Factors. A large number of factors adversely affect the course of the patient with diabetes. All of these conditions operate by altering the absorption of glucose, by interfering with carbohydrate oxidation, or by causing excessive carbohydrate formation. The most important of these factors are infections, especially those of pyogenic nature with fever and toxemia. Any infection is serious in a diabetic, for it completely upsets the equilibrium established by therapy, always increases the need for insulin, and is one of the most common precipitating causes of ketosis and acidosis. Therefore, any and all infections in the diabetic are to be avoided whenever possible. When they occur, they must be treated promptly and vigorously. During severe infections, it is generally advisable to discontinue PZI and to begin therapy in divided doses, 6 times daily with regular or crystalline insulin as needed to cover postprandial glycosuria.
- C General Factors. Patients with diabetes should live as nearly normal hygienic lives as possible. They should be assured of adequate rest, should be able to eat at home if at all possible, and should engage in an occupation requiring at least moderate exercise but must avoid strenuous occupations of greatest importance. They should have a good general knowledge of diabetes.

## STEPS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DIABETIC PATIENT

There are many adequate methods for managing diabetics. The following is a plan suggested by the author which is felt to be practical and physiologically sound.

### TYPE A - DIABETIC CRF-UP

1. Complete history and physical examination for diagnosis and to rule out the presence of any coexisting or complicating disease.
2. Urinary is for qualitative sugar on a morning fasting urine specimen and on specimens collected 2-3 hours after each meal. If sugar is present check for acetone and diacetyl acid.
3. Blood sugar examination. Fasting and 2-hour postprandial levels are determined or if necessary a glucose tolerance test is performed. In elderly patients or in the presence of renal disease it is advisable to perform a glucose tolerance test with simultaneous urine sugars to determine the approximate renal threshold. If this is very high (over 180-180 mg %) it may be necessary to use blood sugar levels as a check on adequacy of therapy rather than the glycosuria.

### TYPE B - CALCULATING DIABETIC DIET (see p. 55) for examples of diabetic diets

1. Determine the caloric needs of the patient. This is the same as for the non-diabetic (see p. 45).
2. Calculate the protein in CHO and fat content of the diet as outlined in the diabetic diet section on pp. 47-50.
3. Divide the diet into the following:
  - a. The medium term meal. It is advisable to pace the meal as far as possible (i.e. a early breakfast and late dinner). This will speed the absorption of glucose over the period of the day.
  - b. The small feedings to be taken between meals and at bedtime. Milk and low CHO fruits are preferred for this.

### TYPE C - DIABETIC PATIENT WITH RENAL DYSFUNCTION

1. Determination of amount of glycemia. Have patient eat his diabetic diet for 1 day preferably without his regular activity. For the next 24 hours he is to collect and label fractional urines as follows (Patient voids just before breakfast and dinner):
  - a. Urine No. 1 All urine voided from breakfast to just before lunch. This is pooled and a few drops taken for qualitative sugar. The remainder is voided.
  - b. Urine No. 2 All urine from lunch to just before dinner. Pool and save as above.
  - c. Urine No. 3 All urine from dinner to just before retiring. Pool and save as above.
  - d. Urine No. 4 All urine from retiring to just before breakfast. Pool and save as above.

The few drops of each individual urine fraction are analyzed qualitatively for sugar and the remainder pooled for the daily total quantitative sugar.

- 2 Calculation of approximate insulin requirements from quantitative urine sugar determinations. Since roughly 1 unit of insulin will cover 2 Gm. of glucose the insulin needs in the uncomplicated diabetic can be calculated as follows

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Gm. of Glucose in 24 hour<br>Urine Specimen | Approximate No. of Units of<br>Insulin Needed per 24 Hours |
| 2   |  |

The insulin (24 hour requirement) is generally given as NPH or as a mixture in a single dose  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before breakfast. The usual mixtures are 2:1 or 3:1 (crystalline zinc PZI) or NPH: regular mixtures.

- a In severe or complicated diabetes because the patient needs insulin immediately these measures cannot be performed (see p. 403).
  - b High renal threshold. In certain elderly patients or those with renal disease who have a high renal threshold for sugar this method will be without value. These patients must be controlled by the determination of the blood sugar levels while fasting and 1 hour after meals. In these cases begin with small doses of long acting insulin (5-10 units/day) and increase as indicated by tests.
- 3 Adjustment of insulin dosage and mixture. The patient continues to collect his urine fractions as outlined above and the dosage and composition of the insulin mixture is determined each morning after completing the qualitative sugar analysis for the previous day. Quantitative sugars are usually not necessary after the first day. The amount and time of glycosuria on the preceding day determines the re-adjustment to be made. The glycosuria at any time must be kept at a minimum (no greater than green reduction in any specimen). In general especially with longer acting insulins changes should not be made frequently simply because occasionally marked insulin reactions occur.
- a If all specimens are green no adjustment of dosage or composition of insulin is necessary.
  - b If glycosuria (greater than green reduction) occurs after breakfast or after the noon meal the regular insulin is increased.
  - c If glycosuria (greater than green reduction) occurs in the afternoon after the evening meal or before breakfast the protamine zinc insulin is increased.
  - d If glycosuria (greater than green reduction) occurs in all specimens both regular and protamine zinc insulins are increased.
  - e Amount of increase of insulin will vary with each patient. Generally a very rough guide for the increase of insulin is as follows:
    - (1) Yellow reduction. Add up to 3 units.
    - (2) Orange reduction. Add 5-10 units.
    - (3) Brick red reduction. Add 10-15 units.
  - f If there is no glycosuria (specimen remains blue) the patient should be questioned for evidence of hypoglycemia and each urine voided should be examined. Adjustment of dosage must be made in accordance with the findings.

- 4 Readjustment of the size of feedings. If variations of the insulin dosage and composition do not maintain the glycosuria at a minimum for a given period, the dietary intake for the preceding meal should be decreased and the intake for other meals increased a like amount.

#### STEP D - FOLLOW-UP OF PATIENT

After patient has been adequately controlled, he should be seen at regular intervals arranged as needed to check for any change in the patient or in his diabetic status.

- 1 Hypoglycemic reactions. Carefully question patient as to occurrence of any hypoglycemic reactions. If these occur, lower insulin according to time of day they take place.
- 2 Examine patient's urine. If all urine is entirely free of sugar, the patient is controlled (if renal threshold normal) be careful of hypoglycemic reactions, however, if all urines are blood-early in therapy for patient's tolerance will improve under therapy. There is no contraindication to having some glycosuria. (On the contrary, there is some evidence that moderate glycosuria per se is not harmful if the metabolic needs of the body are being fulfilled. However, it is usually best to keep adequate control over patient so they tend to ignore the diabetes entirely.) If there is marked glycosuria in any urine, the insulin is adjusted accordingly.
- 3 Weigh patient. Follow patient's weight to be sure that the weight is increased and decreasing or remaining stationary as desired. If not, alter the diet accordingly.
- 4 Draw blood for fasting blood sugar level to determine whether fasting hyperglycemia is being adequately controlled. (This need not be done on every visit; in fact, it can be done quite infrequently once the patient is standardized.)

## COMPLICATIONS OF INSULIN THERAPY

### HYPOGLYCEMIA (code No 574)

Hypoglycemia is the most common complication of insulin therapy and usually occurs when the diabetic fails to eat the proper amount of food. It is manifested by weakness, hunger, irritability, faintness, and tremors and convulsions. All of which are relieved promptly by the administration of glucose. If a diabetic patient is unconscious and if diagnosis of coma or if a reaction is impossible or in doubt, give 50% glucose I.V. This will definitely overcome the situation and will not generally harm the patient in diabetic coma.

#### Prevent last

- A. Education. Decrease of the danger of insulin reaction, the diabetic patient should carry a small supply of sugar or glucose. Give a little time. If he feels the onset of a reaction, he should take some sugar.
- B. Insulin Card. Every diabetic should carry a card with the following information:



## I AM A DIABETIC AND TAKE INSULIN

If I am behaving peculiarly give me sugar or hard candy or orange juice slowly If I am unconscious call an ambulance immediately take me to a physician or a hospital and notify my physician I am not intoxicated

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### Treatment

- A Mild Hypoglycemia** If patient is conscious and able to swallow sugar glucose or orange juice may be given
- B Moderate to Severe Hypoglycemia** Do not attempt to feed patient if unconscious If patient is unconscious one of three methods may be used
- 1 I V glucose (treatment of choice) 20-50 cc (5-12 dr) of 50% glucose I V slowly As soon as consciousness is restored oral feedings may begin
  - 2 Epinephrin adrenaline If patient is well nourished especially if using short acting insulin and liver is not depleted of glycogen epinephrine 0.5-1.0 cc (8-15 m) of 1:1000 solution subcut may cause return of consciousness so that food may be taken by mouth
  - 3 Rectal feeding If patient is unconscious and I V glucose is not available (and if epinephrine is either not available or not feasible or successful) glucose by rectum may be life saving Add 2 Tbsp of syrup or honey to a pint of warm water and give slowly by rectum
- C Prevention of Relapse** When patients taking protamine zinc insulin develop reactions they should be carefully watched for danger of relapse High protein food such as milk should be given in addition to carbohydrate

## OTHER COMPLICATIONS OF INSULIN THERAPY

### Allergic Reaction

Fortunately allergic reactions are very rare and most reactions are localized These individuals are generally sensitive to pork pancreas from which about 60% of commercial insulin is made (other 40% from beef) These patients should be given pure beef insulin preparation (Special Insulin) which is put up in 10 cc ampules of U40 If patient is still sensitive desensitization measures should be tried (see p 113)

### Lipostrophy

This rare complication consists of atrophy of subcutaneous fat at the sites of injection This may be caused by improper rotation of injection sites but some cases occur in spite of careful therapy

This patient should use U80 or U100 insulin otate injection s/s and make injection at body areas which are loathed t all times

## COMPLICATIONS OF DIABETES

### CHRONIC COMPLICATIONS

There are certain disease processes that tend to occur with greater frequency in diabetic patients than in non-diabetics and a few conditions that are rather typically associated with diabetes. They are mentioned here in order to call attention to them. Their therapy is generally that of adequate control of the diabetes and the abey of the coexisting or underlying disease. The most common diseases are

- A Arteriosclerosis Especially of the peripheral arteries of the legs. For therapy see p 308
- B Diabetic Peripheral Neuritis (See p 358)
- C Diabetic Ocular Complications Incl cataract which is treated surgically and retinitis for which no form of therapy is of any avail
- D Renal Complication Inter-capillary glomerulonephritis characterized by hypertension, albuminuria and edema. Treat as for glomerulonephritis (see p 293)

### ACUTE COMPLICATIONS OF DIABETES

When the amount of insulin in the body is inadequate from its bolus needs abnormal metabolism results with ketone body formation and finally with acidosis. Infection which causes an increased demand for insulin usually precipitates ketosis. There is an early mild phase and a late or severe one.

- A Diabetic Ketosis Without Acidosis  $\text{CO}_2$  combining power is normal or slightly depressed (below 50-60 Vol % or 27 mEq)
- B Diabetic Acidosis Reduction of  $\text{CO}_2$  combining power (below 50 Vol % or 27 mEq). The patient may be unconscious, pre-comatose or comatose.

### DIABETIC KETOSIS (Without Acidosis) (code No 543)

In this disorder ketone bodies are found in the urine and their presence is the best diagnosis. Examine the patient for infection or other precipitating factors. The fluid and electrolyte balance is usually disturbed.

#### Treatment

Patient should be hospitalized for regulation if ketosis is severe.

- A Treat any infection which may aggravate the disorder and metabolism.
- B Diet Arrange diet to contain 3 equal feedings with interval feedings between each meal and in the evening.

C Insulin

- 1 If ketosis is very severe use only short-acting insulin. Give insulin to cover each meal as necessary until the urine is free from ketone bodies. Then begin reducing insulin dosage slowly as tolerance to carbohydrate improves.
- 2 If ketosis is not severe treat and regulate as uncomplicated diabetes.

D Follow up When ketonuria has cleared patient is managed as for uncomplicated diabetes according to the severity of his disease (see p. 399).

## DIABETIC ACIDOSIS (Diabetic Coma) (code No. 542)

When ketone formation is proceeding at a rapid rate the fluid and electrolyte balance and pH of the body are upset (see below). The ketone bodies are organic acids which replace the  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  in the body and also are excreted from the body combined with fixed base. This loss of fixed base and the disturbance of the buffering systems leads to acidosis. The increase in the glucose in the blood produces diuresis of needed body fluids.

Diagnosis

Diabetic acidosis is manifested by headache, irritability, drowsiness, hyperpnea and fever. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain may also be present. The sweetish, fruity acetone breath may be detected. On physical examination the skin and mucous membranes are usually dry, blood pressure low, eyeballs soft and pulse usually rapid and thready.

Principles of Therapy

For emergency management see below.

The principles of therapy, whether the patient is precomatose or in coma, are the same. It is imperative that a patient in acidosis be hospitalized and treated as a medical emergency. Each case must be individualized.

- A Insulin in large amounts is necessary to bring about a return to normal metabolism. Use short-acting insulin; never treat patients in coma with PZI. The first dose of insulin should be 100-200 units; one half should be given I.V. and the other half subcutaneously. Insulin may also be added to I.V. fluids being administered. Because of the mode of action of insulin (see p. 393) there is no need to repeat sooner than in 1-2 hours. The dose may then be repeated subcut. or I.V. giving 50-75 units every 1-2 hours as needed until the ketonuria begins to disappear. If shock is present the insulin should be given I.V. because of the unreliable absorption during shock of material given subcutaneously.
- B Glucose. In diabetic acidosis one is treating the ketosis and acidosis and not the hyperglycemia and glycosuria. Although the patient with acidosis may have a high blood sugar level, the total available carbohydrate stores may actually be very low. Therefore, since it is necessary to have an adequate glucose supply upon which insulin can act in overcoming acidosis, these

patients should be given glucose when the blood sugar level has begun to fall rapidly. It has been shown that ketosis can be reduced by giving very large amounts of glucose to diabetic patients who are deprived of insulin. The sooner the normal metabolic pathways are reestablished the sooner excessive fat oxidation ceases and ketonemia is overcome. In addition it is possible to precipitate hypoglycemic reaction in a patient with low sugar reserves before the ketosis is brought under control.

- C Fructose or Invert Sugar. It has been shown that after I V infusions fructose disappears from the blood stream of diabetics as rapidly as it does from normals. It has been suggested therefore that this sugar be substituted for glucose in the treatment of diabetics because it is utilized in the absence of insulin. However, there is some evidence to show that in spite of its utilization in the diabetic it has no anti ketogenic effect without insulin. Until this critical question is settled one should continue to use glucose and insulin in the management of diabetic acidosis.

#### D Fluids and Electrolytes

1. Fluids must be given to replace those lost by diarrhea and vomiting. These are usually best given I V.
2. Adequate sodium chloride is very important. This replaces fixed base in the extracellular fluid and so helps in overcoming the acidosis. As a result of ketosis the loss of sodium chloride from the body may be as great as 30 Gm (50% of average total body sodium) in 24-48 hours. In the mild case sodium chloride needs to be replaced, and sodium chloride solution with glucose is usually adequate fluid therapy.
3. Replacement of bicarbonate buffer. As the ketone bodies are excreted oxidized  $\text{CO}_2$  is formed which replaces the disappearing ketones and the  $\text{CO}_2$  combining power returns to normal. However, in patients with severe uncomplicated metabolic acidosis it may be advisable to administer more rapidly available  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  and fixed base ( $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ). This may be given I V as sodium bicarbonate or M/6 sodium lactate.
4. Potassium replacement. As sodium is administered (as sodium chloride, sodium bicarbonate or sodium lactate) and glucose is metabolized and stored, the potassium which has entered the extracellular fluid migrates rapidly intracellularly or is washed out with the fluid through the kidneys. When this occurs there may be a temporary and dangerous intracellular potassium deficiency with weakness, respiratory distress and at times cardiac arrest. Solutions containing potassium must be given to correct this, and generally when I V glucose becomes indicated potassium may be added to the infusion mixture (see p 25). It must be used with extreme caution in the absence of adequate urinary output. The level may roughly be checked with the ECG (p 18).

#### Treatment

- A Emergency Measures. The following is an outline of therapy that may be required in the average patient in diabetic coma.

however each case must be individualized and therapy modified as necessary according to the needs of the patient

- 1 Hospitalize patient Keep patient warm avoid excessive warmth Avoid the use of barbiturates and narcotics
- 2 If in *SHOCK* treat with I V plasma and other shock measures especially vasopressors (see p 31)
- 3 Blood chemistry Draw blood for  $\text{CO}_2$  combining power and blood sugar also for sodium potassium and chloride if these tests can be performed
- 4 Give insulin at once
  - a Through same needle used for drawing blood give 50 100 units of *regular or crystalline insulin* I V immediately as well as a like amount subcutaneously
  - b Repeat insulin giving 50 75 units subcut every 1 2 hours until there is rapid diminution in blood or urinary sugar
- 5 Catheterize patient An indwelling catheter may be left in place allow this to drain continuously Examine spot (periodic) urine specimen every hour for ketone bodies and sugar
- 6 Fluids electrolytes and glucose
  - a Begin I V infusion of saline May also begin clysis of saline M/6 sodium lactate or other indicated solutions at same time (see p 21) As soon as urinary sugar has changed to olive or green reduction change I V fluids to 5% glucose in saline to which is added  $\frac{1}{2}$  1 unit of insulin per gram of sugar (25 50 units insulin per liter) and 20 mEq potassium and possibly phosphate The urine should contain sugar at all times to avoid hypoglycemic reactions
  - b As soon as reports come from laboratory if  $\text{CO}_2$  combining power is below 5 mEq /liter (10 Vol %) calculate amount of sodium lactate or sodium bicarbonate desired (see p 21) and administer immediately (To administer sodium bicarbonate I V merely dissolve chemically pure sodium bicarbonate in 200 300 cc cool distilled water and administer Do not heat or sterilize the solution )
  - c Gastric lavage may be performed with introduction of 200 cc of physiological saline or 5%  $\text{NaHCO}_3$
  - d As long as patient is unconscious administer 5% glucose in saline or other salt solution as indicated (about 60 drops per minute) See p 405
  - e As soon as patient is conscious and able to swallow give fruit juice (200 cc orange juice with 1 tablespoon honey syrup or glucose) every 3 4 hours until keturia has stopped Stop I V glucose and fluids

#### B Follow up

- 1 Potassium deficiency After 4 to 8 hours of administration of I V fluids watch patient carefully for potassium deficiency (i.e. weakness respiratory distress) and check the Ecg (see p 19) Give solutions containing potassium (see p 25) as indicated It may be advisable to begin administration of potassium as soon as the maintenance is begun but this is still not settled When patient is able to swallow give supplementary potassium salts by mouth as this is the safest route

- 2 Oral feedings and fluids. If ketonuria is developing or is rapidly increasing (usually in 24-48 hours) and the patient is conscious the following may be given:
  - a Small frequent feedings of liquid and semi-liquid foods containing 30-75 Gm glucose and protein (as milk) every 3-4 hours day and night and cover with 25-35 units regular insulin every 4 hours.
  - b Fluids by mouth.
- 3 Regular diet. After 24-48 hours if patient shows satisfactory improvement place on regular diet and begin regulation as outlined on p. 399.

## DIABETES ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER CONDITIONS

### PREGNANCY

The management of the pregnant diabetic is little different from that of any other diabetic.

- A During the early period of pregnancy there is often a lowering of the renal threshold and considerable lability of the blood sugar level.
- B During the latter three months there is often a marked decrease in glucose tolerance necessitating increased insulin dosage. This is of minor importance however and may go through pregnancy without significant changes in tolerance.
- C Before the onset of labor and delivery it is advisable to change to short acting insulin to avoid possible reaction from lack of food.
- D In view of work suggesting sex hormonal imbalance in pregnant diabetes therapy with estrogen or progestone or both has been advocated as being of value in diminishing fetal mortality. However carefully controlled studies using modern dietetic treatment methods show as good or better results without resorting to this expensive and troublesome procedure.
- E Since many diabetic pregnancies go beyond expected term or the infants are unusually large it has been suggested by many that pregnancy be terminated at about 36 weeks. The preferred method appears to be cesarean section.

#### The Care of the Infant.

The likelihood of diabetic mothers as premature. Keep infant in incubator under oxygen if first seven days. Observe the newly born infant carefully for the first 72 hours for hypoglycemic reactions that may occur as a result of fetal hyperplasia. This is more apt to occur in the newborn of poorly controlled diabetes.

## SURGERY

Surgery in the diabetic at present presents little hazard over that of the surgical procedure per se. However there are certain problems peculiar to the diabetic and these problems naturally vary with the severity of the disease and the urgency of surgery.

### Emergency Surgery

- A For Non Traumatic Conditions** Usually diabetics requiring emergency surgery for non traumatic disorders are in ketosis with or without acidosis and require immediate treatment of their diabetes. These patients should be treated as patients with acidosis or coma (the latter if a general anesthetic is to be used). The general program should be as follows:
- 1 Draw blood for  $\text{CO}_2$  combining power and blood sugar also for electrolyte panel (sodium potassium chloride) if possible
  - 2 Begin 5% glucose in saline infusion I V slowly (not over 70 drops per minute) and continue infusion throughout surgical procedure. One unit of insulin per 2 Gm glucose may be added to the infusion (25 units for each 1000 cc of 5% glucose)
  - 3 Give 50 units short acting insulin I V if ketosis is present
  - 4 After returning from surgery continue therapy as for diabetic coma (see p 404) until oral feeding can begin and ketosis and hyperglycemia are controlled
- B For Trauma** Although increased carbohydrate tolerance develops rapidly as a result of trauma the principle danger in a treated diabetic who is injured is the possibility of having a severe hypoglycemic reaction because he fails to eat. Therefore if the patient is conscious give sweetened orange juice or candy by mouth. If surgery is necessary give 5% glucose I V in water or saline slowly. One may add 1 unit insulin per 2-3 Gm glucose to the infusion however the need is not so much for insulin as for glucose to avoid hypoglycemia. When surgery has been completed treat according to severity of disease (see p 394).

### Elective Surgery

#### A Initial Hospital Measures

- 1 Patient should enter hospital several days before surgery
- 2 Discontinue protamine zinc insulin
- 3 The diabetes should be brought under optimum control with regular or crystalline insulin
- 4 There should be no ketosis

#### B During and After Surgery

- 1 No food or insulin should be administered on the morning of surgery
- 2 Management during surgery
  - a If the patient's diabetes is mild and has been properly controlled if he does not tend to develop ketosis and if the surgery is not too extensive he may be operated on without food or insulin
  - b If the patient's diabetes is moderate or severe or if extensive surgery must be performed begin infusion of 5%

glucose in line or water to which has been added 1 unit regular or crystalline insulin per 2 Gm glucose. Continue infusion throughout surgical procedure. Give infusion at about 60-70 drops per minute.

- 3 After surgery patient should have small frequent feedings (50-75 Gm carbohydrate) every 3-4 hours covered with 15-25 units of crystalline insulin subcutaneously before the meal. These small feedings are continued until normal nutrition can be reestablished.
- 4 If gastrointestinal surgery has been performed and patient cannot take food by mouth, nutrition can best be maintained by parenteral methods: give 1000 cc 5% glucose in 5% amino acid solution I.V. slowly over a period of 4 hours. This should be covered with 15-40 units of crystalline insulin before beginning infusion. Three liters per day is an average requirement. This therapy may be continued until oral nutrition can be resumed.

### HYPERINSULINISM

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(Without Tumor code No 871 784)

Hyperinsulinism is caused by an excessive production of insulin and manifested by attacks of weakness, hunger, irritability, faintness, and tremors and convulsions, all of which usually occur on an empty stomach long after meals and are relieved promptly by the administration of glucose. Hypoglycemia of the following episodes usually is below 50 mg %. A glucose tolerance curve drops to exceedingly low levels only after 5-6 hours is characteristic. Hypoglycemia of hepatic, nervous or other endocrine origin must be excluded to establish the diagnosis.

#### Treatment

A. Emergency Treatment. As for hypoglycemic reaction from insulin over dosage (see p 402).

#### B. General Management

- 1 Corticotropin (ACTH). The administration of ACTH (its hyperglycemic effect) has been shown to be of considerable benefit in the management of some children suffering from this condition. Some children without adequate reason to have been previously malnourished or treated intermittently with this drug.
- 2 Diet: High protein, high carbohydrate, high fat, low-carbohydrate.
  - a. The diet is low in carbohydrate in order to avoid stimulation of the pancreas to elaborate insulin. Rapidly utilized carbohydrate is replaced by slow acting ones (e.g. 3-10% vegetable oils and fruits such as bananas and prunes). Fats is the important source of a slowly metabolized carbohydrate which apparently has less stimulatory effect on the pancreas and is useful to supply added calories.
  - b. Small feedings. The diet is best divided into six or more meals a day. It may be necessary to feed the patient at



regular intervals throughout the entire 24 hours. If the hypoglycemia is as severe as this, it is advisable not to prolong medical therapy but to prepare the patient properly for surgery.

- 3 Sedation. Phenobarbital phenobarbitone 15-30 mg ( $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) q i d may be valuable in reducing neuromuscular irritability.
  - 4 Restriction of physical activity. Exercise increases utilization of glucose, thereby exaggerating the effect of excess insulin. If exercise is unavoidable, such activity should be preceded by supplementary carbohydrates.
  - 5 Identification card. Patient should carry a bracelet or card similar to that used by a diabetic (see p. 40).
  - 6 Emergency CHO. Patient should be required to carry a small supply of rapidly available carbohydrate (candy lumps of sugar) at all times. He is to avoid taking these except when definitely indicated.
- C Surgery. Complete excision of hyperplastic or adenomatous islet tissue when this is found to be the cause.

## Chapter 15

# HORMONES AND HORMONE LIKE AGENTS

## PITUITARY AND PITUITARY LIKE HORMONES

- The pituitary consists of two parts  
 A Posterior pituitary which is devoid of direct neural innervation  
 B Anterior pituitary which is directly like hormones that influence the gonads and labor is directly placental during pregnancy

## ANTERIOR PITUITARY HORMONES

All of the anterior pituitary hormones are present in substance and must therefore be administered parentally to be effective. If taken by mouth they are digested by the digestive enzymes. In general with the exception of the growth and lactogenic hormones which are not mediated directly through other glands the anterior pituitary hormone appears to have a regulatory function on the other glands of the internal secretion.  
 In the last few years several of these hormones have been produced in pure form. Those that have been prepared in 'pure' form are: growth stimulating (TSH), follicle stimulating (ACTH) and luteal stimulating (LH), luteal stimulating (LH) and luteal stimulating (LH). These may be other factors in the anterior pituitary but they have not yet been fully identified. Of the pure preparations only ACTH and thyrotropin are practically available.

### Corticotropin (ACTH)

Corticotropin has been shown to have remarkable effects in stimulating many of the processes which are not specifically influenced by either the anterior pituitary or the adrenal cortex. Corticotropin is a protein of molecular weight 4500 and peptides derived from it have been found to have similar and marked physiological effects as the hormone itself.

### ACTH in man

1. In man being produced in the following amounts: 10-20 units per day.
2. Retention of sodium and water in the body.
3. Elevation of fasting blood sugar and diabetic glucose tolerance test.
4. Increase in the rate of uric acid excretion.

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5 Increased urinary 17 ketosteroids and 11 oxysteroids

6 Fall in circulating eosinophils and lymphocytes and elevation of polymorphonuclears

B For clinical effects uses and dosages see page 423

### Pituitary Growth Hormone (PGH)

Pure PGH has been employed in normal humans pituitary dwarfs and panhypopituitary individuals. In no case has there been any evidence of growth as measured either by reticoblastic effect or actual physical growth. The older crude growth hormone preparations have likewise been of no benefit under controlled experimental conditions.

### Lactogenic Hormone

Has not been employed in human research. Its presence is necessary for the initiation and apparently for the continuation of lactation in breasts which have been prepared for lactation by estrogens and progesterones during pregnancy.

### Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH)

FSH has different actions in male and female. In the female FSH stimulates the development of ovarian follicles. In the male it stimulates the germinal epithelium of the testis to produce spermatozoa. It apparently has no effect on the Leydig cells hence does not influence testosterone secretion. Pure FSH has not been used clinically but in cases of hypogonadotropic eunuchoidism a purified preparation has been employed after initial stimulation of Leydig cells with chorionic gonadotropins to initiate spermatogenesis (see page 386). At present no good FSH preparation is commercially available.

### Interstitial Cell-Stimulating Hormone (ICSH) (Luteinizing Hormone)

A In the female ICSH apparently has a dual action

1 Stimulates growth of theca cells

2 Transforms the mature follicles into corpora lutea

B In the male it stimulates the Leydig cells of the testis with resultant testosterone secretion

There is no good commercial pituitary ICSH. Clinically ICSH is substituted for by use of chorionic gonadotropins which have a similar action (see page 413).

### Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)

TSH is exceedingly efficient in stimulating the thyroid gland. It has limited clinical usefulness. At present its principal uses are to differentiate pituitary hypothyroidism from primary hypothyroidism. It has also been used in an attempt to stimulate metastatic thyroid cancer to take up radioliodine for therapeutic purposes.

Recently it has been advocated for treatment of thyroiditis but its place in the management of this disease is still open to question.

Dosages 10-25 mg every 8 hrs for 2 days. Repeat  $^{131}$ I uptake. If uptake increased primary hypothyroidism is not present.

### Other Hormones

The pituitary probably elaborates other hormones (e.g. luteotropin) but their exact physiological roles are not known at present.

## POSTERIOR PITUITARY HORMONES

The posterior pituitary hormones are polypeptides composed of 8 amino acids. Their exact chemical structures have been determined and they have recently been synthesized. Like the anterior pituitary hormones they are effective only when administered parenterally (give I.M.). They exert the following actions:

1. They raise blood pressure (pressor action) (anesthetized animals)
2. Cause fluid retention without osmotically equivalent sodium retention (antidiuretic action)
3. Cause uterine contractions (oxytocic action)

To date there has not been a separation of the antidiuretic from the pressor principle. They may be identical. The oxytocic factor may likewise have some pressor effect.

### Chemical

- A. Antidiuretic Pressor principle is used primarily for the treatment of diabetes insipidus, also to prevent and control abdominal distention. (For Diabetes Insipidus see page 386.)
- B. Oxytocin is employed in obstetrics when indications for the induction of uterine contraction exist.

### Preparations Available

| Name  | Action               | How Supplied                    | Average Dose                        |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Vasopressin Tannate Injection, N.N.R. (Pittman Tannate Co.) | Antidiuretic pressor | Only solution<br>5 units/cc     | 0.3-1 cc<br>(5-16 mg) q<br>12-72 hr |
| Isopressin Injection U.S.P.                                 |                      | Aqueous solution<br>20 units/cc | 0.2-0.5<br>(4-8 mg) q<br>3-4 h.     |
| Oxytocin Injection U.S.P. (Pitocin®)                        | Oxytocic             | Solution<br>10 units/cc         | 0.3-1 cc<br>(5-16 mg) as indicated  |

## PITUITARY LIKE HORMONES ELABORATED BY PLACENTA

The most important of the pituitary like hormone is that elaborated by the placenta during pregnancy. The hormone is referred to as chorionic gonadotropin. Its physiological action is almost identical with that of ICSH above. It has recently been shown that this hormone appears to have actions only if an intact anterior pituitary gland is present. It is of no value in inducing spermatogenesis or ovulation or maintaining corpus luteum by itself. Many of its alleged effects have been due to the presence of FSH, whose action the presence of chorionic gonadotropin may potentiate.

### Clinical Indications

#### Antitumor

1. Cryptorchidism In a few selected cases, chorionic gonadotropin may induce descent of the testis.
2. Hypogonadism Chorionic gonadotropin is useful in some

types of hypogonadism although testosterone medication is generally preferred

- B In the Female Chorionic gonadotropin may aid in inducing ovulation and maintaining corpus luteum in a few selected cases of sterility if adequate FSH is present

#### Preparations Available

- A Chorionic Gonadotropin N N R derived from the urine of pregnant women is available commercially under a wide variety of trade names. It is marketed in ampules of 100 500 1000 and 5000 I U per cc
- B Equine gonadotropins derived from the serum of pregnant mares is also available commercially. This is a mixture of FSH and ICSH. It is not generally recommended because of its marked sensitizing effect and production of antihormones by protracted use. Only short courses should be employed

#### Average Doses

Usual doses range from 200 1000 units every day or every other day

### THYROID HORMONE

The active principle of the thyroid gland appears to be the iodine containing amino acid thyroxine. Thyroxine probably never occurs in the free state in the organism but is contained in a protein molecule thyroglobulin. Another iodine containing amino acid diiodotyrosine with weaker physiological effects is also found in the gland. Recently triiodothyronine has been isolated from the thyroid. It is about 4 times as potent as thyroxine and acts more rapidly. Its exact physiological role is unknown. The action of the thyroid hormone is that of a general cell (ar metabolic stimulant with resultant increased oxygen consumption (i.e. increased metabolic rate). Its exact mode of action is unknown.

#### Method of Administration

Thyroid hormone either in the form of thyroglobulin (desiccated thyroid) or thyroxine is effective when taken orally. Little effect is noted after a single dose for about 24 hours and the maximal effect is not reached for 6 10 days. After thyroid medication is stopped there is a slow loss of the effect depending on the initial B M R and the level reached during thyroid medication. In general it may be stated that at least 6 weeks must elapse after thyroid medication has been discontinued before one can be reasonably certain that the major thyroid effects have worn off.

#### Clinical Uses

Thyroid hormone is indicated only in thyroid deficiency states. Its use as a general metabolic stimulant is not indicated and is worthless. It has been shown that patients with thyroid deficiencies rarely require over 0.13 Gm (2 gr) of Thyroid U.S.P. daily. Patients without deficiency states can easily tolerate 0.3 to 0.5 Gm (5 to 7½ gr) or more daily without any effect on B M R or other metabolic

A good general rule is that if a patient requires



## THE ADRENAL HORMONES

## ADRENAL CORTEX

The hormones of the adrenal cortex are all steroidal substances. To date over 30 different steroids have been isolated and identified from animal adrenal glands or adrenal venous blood. The vast majority of these steroids have no demonstrable metabolic effect. Those with metabolic effect are shown in the table below.

Metabolically Active Adrenal Steroids

| Compounds Isolated   | Metabolic Effect  | Clinical Use   | Availability                                  |
|--|---|--|---|
| Deoxycorticosterone  | Na <sup>+</sup> and H <sub>2</sub> O retention. Increased K <sup>+</sup> excretion.   | Maintenance therapy. Addison's disease.  | Readily available.                            |
| Aldosterone (Electrocortin)  | 20 times as potent as DOCA.   | same as DOCA.  | Not available.                                |
| 17 hydroxycorticosterone (compound F hydrocortison)                            | Ca bohydrate protein metabolic effects as produced by ACTH (in approximate order of their potencies). Also mild effects on salt and H <sub>2</sub> O metabolism. (All have an oxygen atom at C <sub>11</sub> in steroid nucleus.) | As effective as cortisone (see below).   | Readily available but expensive.              |
| 17 hydroxy 11 dehydrocorticosterone (compound E cortisone)                     |   | 1 Useful in many diseases (see page 423)<br>2 Maintenance therapy Addison's disease. | Readily available but expensive.              |
| 11 dehydrocorticosterone (compound A)  |   | None.  | Not available.                                |
| Corticosterone (compound B)  |   | None.  | Not available.                                |
| Androstenedione 11 hydroxy androsterone 17 hydroxyprogesterone androstosterone | Androgenic (similar to testosterone but much less potent).  | Not employed as an androgen.   | Not available (Testosterone used see p. 419). |
| Estroene   | Estrogenic.   | Not employed as such.  | See page 421.                                 |
| Progesterone   | Progestational.   | See page 422.  | See page 422.                                 |

Questions have been raised as to whether or not all the steroids isolated from the adrenal cortex are truly naturally occurring or whether they are artefacts produced in the chemical laboratory. Recent isolation of hormones from blood obtained by catheterisation of renal veins shows that most of the hormone (about 90%) is 11 hydroxycorticosterone (Compound F). In general it may be stated that the best demonstration of the effects of adrenal cortical hormone or hormones is that seen following ACTH administration (see page

Clinical Preparations

Of the adrenal steroids isolated, three have had significant clinical use and trial

- A Deso corticosterone Acetate U.S.P. Desoxycortone Acetate B.P. (Doc<sup>®</sup>) It only significant metabolic effects are sodium and water retention and increased urinary potassium excretion. In this respect it is approximately twenty times as potent as cortisone. It has no effect on carbohydrate or protein metabolism.
- B Cortisone (Compound E of Kendall) (17 hydroxy 11 dehydro corticosterone)

1 The principal metabolic effects of cortisone are

- Retention of some sodium and water
- Increased retention of nitrogen potassium and phosphorus
- Increased blood sugar and ability to maintain blood sugar levels during fasting in Addisonian patients
- Return of EEG pattern to normal in Addisonian patient
- One of the most important effects is the adrenal cortical atrophy which results with prolonged use. This is probably due to dogmatic ACTH inhibition and may result in the absence of the normal response of the pituitary-adrenal axis to stress.

2 For clinical effects and use see p. 423

- C Hydrocortisone (Compound F of Kendall), 11 hydroxy corticosterone. This compound has recently become available for oral and local (gingival) use. Its actions are similar to those of cortisone. It is probably about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times as potent as cortisone on a weight basis. The metabolic effects of hydrocortisone appear to be identical with those of cortisone.

- D Whole Cortisol Extract A water-soluble extract of the adrenal gland. Although its steroid content (if any) and mode of action are poorly understood, this agent appears to be of value in the management of adrenal crisis. Recently an attempt has been made to concentrate adrenal cortical extract in an oily solution. The resultant product, lipo-cortisol extract, is also useful, but due to the low absorption (from the M.S.S.) and due to the fact that it may not contain some of the essential adrenal cortisol substance, it should not replace aqueous or oil extract. Lipo-cortisol extract has been shown to contain mainly compound F (about 2 mg/cc) with less compound E.

Preparations Available

- A Deso corticosterone A.C.I. U.S.P. Desoxycortone Acetate B.P. (Doc<sup>®</sup>) or Deso corticosterone Trimethylacetate. Used only for supplementary maintenance of Addison's disease.
- 1 Tablets 2 mg tablets for sublingual or mucous membrane use. Doc<sup>®</sup> is ineffective when swallowed.
- Dosage: 2 tablets daily dissolved in the buccal pouch. It is almost equally effective in a given dose when injected.
- 2 Solution in sesame oil 5 mg (12 g) per cc.
- Dosage 1-3 mg (10-12 gr) 1 M.D. daily for maintenance.
- B Cortisone U.S.P. 75 mg (14 g) or 125 mg (2 g) for subcutaneous replacement.
- Dosage: One 75 mg tablet for each mg of Doc<sup>®</sup> required by the action up to 3 mg (10 g) per day. If requirements



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by injection exceed 3 mg ( $\frac{1}{20}$  gr) one additional pellet should be implanted (e.g. for a requirement of 5 mg ( $\frac{1}{12}$  gr) per day by injection implant 6 pellets) Duration of action 6-8 months

4 Desoxycorticosterone trimethylacetate 20-30 mg I.M. once a month

B Adrenal Cortical Extract N.N.R. May be administered I.M. subcut. or I.V. Used in treatment of Addisonian crisis  
Dosage 20-100 cc (5-20 dr) or more daily as indicated

C Lipo-Adrenal Cortex Sterile Solution (C.A.) Administered I.M. only

Dosage 5 cc ( $\frac{1}{4}$  dr) I.M. daily during crisis in addition to aqueous adrenal cortical extract 1-2 cc (16- $\frac{1}{2}$  dr) daily for maintenance

D Cortison (Compound E) (17 hydroxy 11 dehydro corticosterone acetate) See page 423

E Hydrocortisone (Compound F) (17 hydroxycortisone acetate) See page 423

## ADRENAL MEDULLA

Until recently it has been thought that the adrenal medulla secretes a single hormone epinephrine. However it has been shown that extracts of adrenal medulla of cattle (U.S.P. Reference Standard) contain two closely related hormones i.e. epinephrine (about 80%) and nor epinephrine (about 20%). The two have different actions as outlined below

| Substance                      | Blood Vessels                    | Cardiac Output | Blood Pressure | Blood Sugar (Glycogenolysis)               |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Epinephrine                    | Vasodilation (overall) generally | Increased      | Elevated?      | Elevated                                   |
| Nor epinephrine (levarterenol) | Vasoconstriction (overall)       | No effect      | Elevated       | Elevated $\frac{1}{8}$ that of epinephrine |

\*Vasodilator of coronary arteries

Since epinephrine may be synthetic or derived from natural sources (usually the latter) and hence contaminated with nor epinephrine the reason for some of the apparent paradoxical physiological effects of the present preparation becomes clearer.

In addition to the above epinephrine causes an immediate elevation of blood sugar by inducing glycogenolysis in liver and muscle.

### Epinephrine

A Clinical Uses Epinephrine is used in a great many clinical conditions including the following

- 1 Allergic conditions Bronchial asthma urticaria angio neurotic edema and others
- 2 Control of superficial bleeding especially from mucous membranes
- 3 Used with local anesthetics to slow down absorption



and testosterone propionate. Testosterone and testosterone propionate when injected (or swallowed) are partially (about 30-50%) excreted as 17 ketosteroids in the urine. Methyltestosterone is not excreted as 17 ketosteroid. In fact its administration will result in diminished urinary 17 ketosteroids due to diminished endogenous testosterone production.

**A Clinical Uses** In either sex testosterone may be indicated in any debilitating disease for its protein anabolic function. In addition there are certain uses specific to the different sexes.

- 1 **Male** As replacement therapy in failure of endogenous testosterone secretion (e.g. eunuchoidism, male climacteric, etc.). Its use in psychogenic impotence, angina pectoris, homosexuality, and benign prostatic hypertrophy is without benefit.
- 2 **Female**
  - a Gynecologic conditions: Functional uterine bleeding, endometriosis, dysmenorrhea, and premenstrual tension.
  - b Diseases of the breast: Advanced carcinoma, chronic cystic mastitis, suppression of lactation.

**B Preparations Available**

- 1 **Testosterone U.S.P. (Free)**
    - a Pellets U.S.P. 75 mg (1 $\frac{1}{4}$  gr.) implanted subcut. Dose: 4-8 pellets every 3-4 months.
    - b Microsuspension in aqueous solution for I.M. use. The dosages have not yet been determined but appear similar to testosterone propionate in oil.
    - c Ointment 5 mg/Gm (2 $\frac{1}{2}$  gr./oz.) for local testosterone effect. Average dose: 0.5-1.0 Gm. locally rubbed in over 5 minutes b.i.d.
  - 2 **Testosterone Propionate U.S.P. B.P.** In oil for I.M. injection 5, 10, 25, and 50 mg/cc. Dose varies from 10-100 mg (1/8-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  gr.) daily depending on condition being treated.
  - 3 **Testosterone Cyclopentylpropionate N.N.R. (Depo-testosterone®)** in oil for I.M. injection 50 and 100 mg/cc. This preparation has a duration of action 2 to 5 times or more that of testosterone propionate. Dosage: 100-200 mg weekly to 500 mg monthly in a single dose.
  - 4 **Methyltestosterone U.S.P. B.P.** Do not use methyltestosterone in treatment of thyrotoxicosis, acromegaly, and gigantism, or liver disease.
    - a Tablets 5, 10, 25 mg for oral use.
    - b Tablets 5, 10 mg for sublingual or buccal administration. There is no advantage of buccal over oral use of the hormone.
    - c Ointment 5 mg/Gm (2 $\frac{1}{2}$  gr./oz.).
  - 5 **Methylandrostenediol (methandriol)** It has been claimed that this is a potent anabolic agent without the virilizing effect of testosterone. There is little evidence to support the claim. Its anabolic effect is quite poor and erratic, and the evidence for a dissociation of anabolic and virilizing effects with this hormone is lacking.
    - a Tablets 25 mg (3/8 gr.) for oral use.
    - b Microsuspension in aqueous solution for I.M. use 50 mg/cc. Dose advised: 25-50 mg (3/8-3/4 gr.) daily.
- C Choice of Preparations** In view of the great number of

preparations available. It may be difficult to decide which to use. The physician should choose those preparations which are most economical to the patient and still are effective. The use of testosterone by repeated injections should be reserved only for those very few conditions where methyl testosterone should not be used where the patient must be under very close observation (preferably in a hospital) or where the dose must be very exact (i.e., research). Even in the cases in which methyl testosterone cannot be used, pellets of free testosterone may be given to the patient or relatives may be instructed in the administration of I.M. medication. Therefore the attempts of cholesterols to become methyl testosterone orally, implantation of testosterone pellets or testosterone cyclopentylpropionate.

## FEMALE SEX HORMONES

The female ovaries secrete two steroids with marked physiological effect, namely, estrogen ( $\alpha$ -estradiol) and progesterone.

### Estrogen

A. Effect of Estrogens in the Human. The primary actions of

estrogens are:

1. Proliferation of endometrium
2. Change in vaginal cells (cornification and lowering of vaginal pH below 4.0)
3. Ductal proliferation of breasts
4. Stimulation of osteoblastic activity
5. Slight protein anabolic effect
6. Moderate sodium and water retaining effect

B. Clinical Use. Estrogens are useful in both sexes for their effect on osteoblasts in the treatment of osteoporosis.

1. Female. Estrogen is used as replacement therapy in cases of ovarian failure (e.g., menopause).

2. Male. Used as adjunct therapy of carcinoma of prostate.

C. Preparation. A number of there are many substances that have estrogenic activity including nonsteroidal substances (e.g., diethylstilbestrol, diethylstilbestrol). However, of all the steroids, only certain ones are useful clinically. There is no evidence that any of the estrogens are less toxic than any other. Toxicity (i.e., nausea and vomiting) is usually due to overdosage. Most of these estrogenic substances are highly potent drugs having profound physiological effects; very small doses and also having the age- and toxic levels that are quite similar. The physician should select the best preparation and learn their characteristics rather than change to new ones. There is little or no need at present to administer these estrogens by any but the oral route. Absorption seems to be very complete and there is no evidence that nausea or vomiting can be decreased by parenteral administration. There is likewise no evidence that the "naturally occurring" estrogens are any more effective than the synthetic ones. Although estrogens apparently play a role in mammary tumor of animals, there is no evidence that they are carcinogenic in human.

available little can be said as to duration of therapy. It would appear at present that prolonged administration will be necessary in many cases. Where knowledge is available regarding recommendations for treatment these are indicated in the text.

### Dangers

These agents are potentially very dangerous. However with proper caution most of these dangers can be overcome. The principle dangers are that these drugs may induce

- 1 Hyperglycemia and glucosuria (diabetogenic effect). This is of major significance in the early or potential diabetic.
- 2 Marked retention of sodium and water with subsequent increased blood volume and hypertension.
- 3 Negative nitrogen balance with loss of body protein.
- 4 Potassium loss with development of a hypokalemic alkalosis.
- 5 Hirsutism and acne (especially disagreeable in females).
- 6 Cushing's syndrome (may develop with long continued administration).
- 7 Activation or production of peptic ulcer.
- 8 Lowering of resistance to infectious agents.

### Controls to Be Employed to Correct or Minimize Dangers

- A Always reduce the dose as soon as consistent with the clinical response.
- B It is desirable that the patient be hospitalized during the initial period of treatment of 1-2 weeks but this is not necessary in all cases.
- C During the first 2 weeks of therapy the following should be carefully observed:
  - 1 Blood pressure daily or every other day.
  - 2 Weight daily or every other day.
  - 3 Daily eosinophil count for a few days to judge initial response to medication with ACTH.
  - 4 Initial complete blood count repeat as indicated.
  - 5 Initial sedimentation rate repeat as indicated.
  - 6 Frequent urinary sugar fasting blood sugar if reducing substances are found in the urine.
  - 7 Serum potassium should be checked occasionally if large doses of hormone are to be given over more than several days.
- D All patients should be on high protein diets (100+ Gm. proteins).
- E If edema develops place patient on low sodium diet (200-400 mg. sodium daily). Mercurial diuretics may be employed when strict sodium restriction is impossible.
- F Potassium chloride 3-15 Gm. daily in divided doses should be administered.
- G In cases of long continued administration testosterone preparations (see page 420) in doses of 10-25 mg. daily may be used to counteract the negative protein and potassium balance.
- H Do not stop either drug abruptly. There may be a severe rebound of the disease process. Also remember that cortisone (or hydrocortisone) causes atrophy of the adrenal cortex probably through endogenous ACTH inhibition. Sudden withdrawal may lead to symptoms of Addison's disease.

Contraindications and Special Precautions

- A. Blood in Urine Hematuria. Cortisone (or hydrocortisone) especially the oral preparation must be carefully watched and managed. Because of the suppression of endogenous ACTH and subsequent adrenal cortical atrophy the patient is unable to respond normally to stressful situations (e.g., surgery, infections, etc.). Whenever such a situation occurs or is to occur, the dosage of cortisone or hydrocortisone should be raised and/or prednisolone and ACTH given. If only cortisone or hydrocortisone only can be administered it must be administered in larger doses (11 to 16 g daily).
- B. Heart Disease This agent should be used with extreme caution in individual with damaged myocardium. The increase in extracellular fluid may lead to cardiac decompensation. Always begin with small doses and with patient on low sodium diet.
- C. Liver and Kidney Disease This drug is probably contraindicated should be used with extreme caution in patients with moderate to severe damage associated with edema and/or oliguria.
- D. Hypersensitivity to the Drug Certain diseases appear to make the individual more sensitive to these agents. This is especially true of the lung diseases, especially lupus erythematosus. It usually begins with low dosage and increases cautiously in these individuals.
- E. Predisposition to Psychosis The drug causes use of small but significant amount in most individual receiving them, but some individuals (those predisposed to psychosis) may develop an acute psychotic episode while the drug is administered. If the psychosis should be stopped or the dose should be lowered and the patient should be fully observed and protected. Physicians have committed suicide under the influence of the drug.
- F. Effect on Thyroid When given for prolonged periods the drug may depress thyroid function. This may inhibit the action of ACTH on the adrenal cortex and possibly the action of cortisone on the tissue of the body.
- Give supplement of thyroid 85-100 mg (1-3 gr) if the drug are to be given for more than 3-4 weeks.
- G. Effect on Peptic Ulcer
1. Acute peptic ulcer is a contraindication to use of the drug because of danger of perforation or hemorrhage.
  2. Chronic peptic ulcer The agent is distasteful to the patient. They should be used in the presence of this disease only as an emergency to save life and with optimum anti-ulcer therapy.
- H. Tuberculosis Active or recently healed tuberculosis is a contraindication to the use of the drug.
- I. Infection Because the drugs tend to lower resistance and therefore promote dissemination of infections, they must be used with extreme caution even when appropriate antibiotics are being given, in a general or chronic infection.

- E. Surgical Exploration (e.g. simple incision, thoracotomy or laparotomy) may be indicated as a final evaluation measure. In many cases the surgeon must be prepared to perform a radical surgical operation if macroscopic or frozen section examinations indicate malignant disease.
- F. R examination Upon completion of the clinical studies *emphatic reassurance of the patient regarding the negative findings is necessary*. If findings are equivocal the patient should be kept under close follow up observation with appropriate diagnostic measures.

### Suggestions for Treatment

#### A. Factors Influencing Choice of Treatment

1. Nature (inherent characteristics) of the given neoplasm: rate of growth, cytological characteristics, invasiveness, amenability (e.g. radiosensitivity or radiocurability), tendency to metastasize, and nature of metastasis.
2. Age of patient.
3. Physical and emotional status of patient.
4. Patient's ability and/or willingness to cooperate with the prescribed therapy.
5. Availability of professional and technical facilities.
6. Stage of the tumor at the time the patient is first seen.
7. Location of the lesion. Proximity to vital or tubular structures.
8. Secondary complications of the disease. Local pressure symptoms, hemorrhage, systemic effects of the primary lesion and the metastases.
9. Functional, cosmetic, and psychological effects of therapy.
10. Patient's ability to tolerate radiation therapy (i.e. tolerance of solar or other radiation).
11. Cost of therapy.

#### B. Treatment of Benign Lesions The physician's clinical impression of the benign character of lesions must always be verified by biopsy and microscopic examination.

1. Simple eradication of the tumor by surgical technique (including curettage and cauterization) is usually the preferred method of treatment. Radiation technique may occasionally be employed.
2. General indications for removal of benign tumors:
  - a. Diagnostic purposes (possibility of malignancy)
  - b. Pressure on vital structures
  - c. Obstructive symptoms
  - d. Mechanical (static) deformities
  - e. Pain or other marked discomfort
  - f. Systemic effects (e.g. hormonal)
  - g. Hemorrhage (acute or chronic)
  - h. Cosmetic purposes
  - i. Psychological purposes (reassurance)
3. More extensive surgery. The surgeon must be prepared to perform radical surgery if macroscopic appearance or frozen section examination indicate malignant disease.

#### C. Treatment of Malignant Lesions

1. Primary lesion
  - a. Complete eradication of the primary lesion by surgical

(including uretters and cervicalization) or radiation methods must be attempted whenever possible.

- b Radical surgery. Clinical evidence of regression in metastases may indicate need for radical removal of the primary tumor and the involved node. Surgical removal of the primary tumor may still be indicated when metastases are symptomatic but a surgical wing very slowly (e.g., thyroid carcinoma).
- d Radiation therapy may be used to arrest or slow the progress of the disease if the tumor is resectable.
- e Chemotherapy. See below.

## 2 Metastatic lesions

Surgical excision may be of value when lesions are solitary, slowly growing, painful, or when they produce other acute symptoms (obstruction, etc.).

- b Radiation therapy is indicated if lesions are radiosensitive and painful if they are multiple. Chemotherapy may be employed using the specific agent which is known to affect certain types of primary and metastatic tumor. The agent is ordinarily withheld until the lesion has become symptomatic or relapsed.

(1) Androgenic and atrogenic steroids. Definite beneficial effects have been observed with the androgenic steroids in certain neoplastic diseases but much of the work remains unexplained. The mechanism of effect is unknown. Steroid therapy is a useful adjunct and should never replace radical surgery or chemotherapeutic combinations.

(2) Estrogens. The degree of the estrogenic effect in the individual is determined by the patient's response and the toxicity of the drug (short-term use and repeated maintenance).

- (1) Soft tissue metastases from breast carcinoma (lung, brain, etc.). Tamoxifen improves metastases in the breast. Tamoxifen is given orally, 20 mg daily, for 3 or more years postmenopausal. Give Diethylstilbestrol (DES) 5-30 mg (usually 10-15 mg) or Ethinyl Estradiol (NEER) 0.2-0.5 mg orally daily. Cyclic administration (1-40 days on, 10 days off) is recommended.

(2) Prostatic carcinoma metastases (see page 209).

- (b) Androgenic. Methyltestosterone (MTP) 5-10 mg sublingually daily or Testosterone Propionate (USP) 75-200 mg IM 3 times weekly per week may be indicated for:

- (1) Carcinoma of the prostate. Give partial or complete relief of pain and urinary obstruction but no objective improvement.
- (2) Bone metastases. A 1% increase in bone mass is observed but only occasional improvement is observed in soft tissue metastases.



- (2) Nitrogen mustards Although employed with benefit in certain cases of metastatic carcinoma these agents have proved most beneficial in certain diseases of the blood and lymphatic systems (see page 241)
- (3) Mustard like compounds (TEM TEPA) Similar to the above although less toxic (see page 238)
- (4) Antimetabolites (aminopterin 6 M P ) See pages 233 239
- (5) Urethane® See page 239
- (6) Radioactive salts *Efficacies are due to radiation rather than chemical action*
- 3 When none of the above procedures is possible
  - a Narcotic drugs Liberal but judicious use especially in advanced and terminal malignant disease
  - b Surgical measures
    - (1) Relief of specific symptoms Surgical intervention (e.g. tracheotomy thoracentesis paracentesis lumbar puncture etc.) may be necessary to control progressive or emergency obstructive or other pressure symptoms
    - (2) Nonspecific surgical methods (hormonal modification)
      - (a) Adrenalectomy Bilateral removal of the adrenal glands can sometimes produce a substantial regression of metastatic and widespread male and female mammary cancer Although there is objective as well as subjective evidence of improvement the relief is most often of temporary nature This is still largely a research technic since it is a major operative procedure expensive and requires careful follow up steroid replacement therapy The use of this procedure in the treatment of other neoplasms is being investigated but no significant statistics are available at present
      - (b) Ovariectomy Removal of the ovaries has been advocated for some time as a treatment for advanced breast cancer The results of the operation are usually transient and the relative efficacy of the treatment has been questioned
      - (c) Orchiectomy Castration may result in significant regression of primary and secondary tumors of the prostate and male breast In patients who fail to respond to orchiectomy subsequent adrenalectomy may prove to be effective Subjective and objective relief may persist for more than a year

#### D General Problems

##### 1 Explanation to the patient

- a Factors of importance Opinion varies greatly as to whether or not it is advisable to inform patients that they have malignant neoplastic disease This matter must be individualized and must naturally vary with the temperament intelligence attitudes and desires of the patient Under certain circumstances it may be necessary or advisable to inform the patient as to the true nature of his condition irrespective of the above factors
- (1) If the patient demands an explanation of his illness

- (2) If the patient's economic status requires forewarning to permit proper disposition of estate, etc.
- (3) If the patient refuses to carry through on a prescribed diagnostic and/or therapeutic regimen.
- (4) If the neoplasm is growing relatively slowly, is non-invasive and is radically resectable.
- (5) If the patient expects (or threatens to shut) his finances in a sea of red for a cure.

b. **Manner of explanation.** If explanation is indicated, use mild terms such as growth, lump, or even tumor, but in most cases it is advisable to avoid the term cancer. Be guarded in statements as to prognosis and lean towards the optimistic side. *Always offer some ray of hope.* When the clinical situation is not utterly hopeless, a cheerful optimistic and reassuring attitude may do much to allay the fears and apprehension of the patient and the family.

2. **Explanation to the family.** It is often advisable to inform a near relative (preferably the mate, when this is feasible) of the nature of the illness and the prognosis. The qualifying facts mentioned above should be kept in mind in deciding who, how, and what to tell.

3. **Provision for chronic and terminal care.**

- a. **Assistance of social agencies.** In view of the chronicity and the psychological and socio-economic implications of the illness, the help of a medical or social agency is advisable in appropriate cases.
- b. **Hospital or nursing home care may be indicated.** Home care. If patient and family decide on home care, it will be necessary to instruct one or more members of the family in the technique of administration of drugs (especially parenteral narcotics).

## TREATMENT OF ADVANCED MAMMARY CANCER

|  | P m ope l   | Postm op l   |
|--|---|--|
| <p>EXCISION OF GONADS<br/>(OVARIECTOMY)</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Eliminates function</p>  | <p>Impaired ability to secrete female sex hormones. This method is indicated at</p>   | <p>Effect is less than in premenopausal women</p>  |
| <p>OVARIAN IRRADIATION</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Eliminates ovarian function</p>   | <p>Effect is less than in premenopausal women (89%) and probably all (50%)</p>  | <p>Effect is less than in premenopausal women</p>  |
| <p>ANDROGENS</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Potential for stimulation of ovarian function</p>   | <p>Symptoms of hypogonadism are relieved in 65% of patients and soft tissue growth in 20% of patients. Prolongation of life is well maintained.</p> | <p>Effect is temporary</p>   |
| <p>ESTROGENS</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Empirical effect</p>  | <p>Vitamin E probably beneficial. ONLY 5 mg daily</p>   | <p>Subjective improvement in about 60% of cases. Probably prolonging time at home.</p>                 |
| <p>ADRENALECTOMY (BILATERAL)</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Eliminates production of androgens and stimulates production of D O C A (after operation)</p> | <p>Ineffective</p>  | <p>Subjective improvement in about 25% of cases. Prolongation of life with this therapy is at best</p> |

**METHODS USED IN TREATMENT OF NEOPLASTIC DISEASES**

| THERAPEUTIC METHOD | INDICATION |          | THERAPEUTIC METHOD | INDICATION |          |
|--------------------|------------|----------|--------------------|------------|----------|
|                    | Local      | Systemic |                    | Local      | Systemic |
| Surgery            | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
| Chemotherapy       | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
| Radiation          | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
| Hormones           | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
| Immunotherapy      | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
| Other              | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |
|                    | Excision   | Radical  | Excision           | Excision   | Radical  |

## Chapter 17

# VENEREAL DISEASES

## SYPHILIS (Lues)

An acute or chronic disease caused by infection with *Treponema pallidum*. It may be either congenital or acquired. The acquired form of the disease is usually transmitted genitally but may be acquired by extragenital routes.

### DIAGNOSTIC FEATURES

#### Primary Syphilis (code No. 147)

- A History of contact with an infected individual 1-8 weeks (usually 3-4 weeks) prior to appearance of primary lesion
- B Primary lesions are pleomorphic; may be single or multiple and are usually located on the external genitalia, although extragenital chancres are not rare
- C Three or more carefully performed dark field examinations (on successive days) are necessary before a final report of negative may be made
- D Both complement fixation (e.g., Kolmer) and precipitin (e.g., Kahn) tests should be performed. Quantitative blood tests (performed by a reliable laboratory) since they may demonstrate changing titers are preferred for both diagnostic and follow up purposes
- E Regional lymph nodes on one or both sides are often rubbery, discrete, and non-tender

#### Secondary Syphilis (code No. 013-147)

- A Usually occurs 7-10 weeks after exposure to the disease and 2-3 weeks after appearance of the primary lesion
- B There is often evidence of systemic involvement with fever, generalized lymphadenitis, non-pruritic maculopapular dermatitis, nasopharyngitis, laryngitis, conjunctivitis, alopecia, arthralgia, mucous patches, and condylomata
- C Blood tests for syphilis are almost invariably strongly positive
- D Cutaneous and mucous membrane lesions may show *Treponema pallidum* on dark field examination
- E Spinal fluid usually shows transient involvement

#### Relapsing Syphilis

- A Usually occurs within 6 months to 2 years after onset of the disease

- B Often follows inadequate or improper therapy (e.g. penicillin for coexistent gonorrhea)
- C Blood tests for syphilis usually revert to a positive reaction or if already positive to an increasing serologic titer (based upon quantitative blood tests)
- D Relapse may be of a variety of clinical types. The commonest of these are mucocutaneous, CNS, ocular, and a neurological (the latter in the absence of clinical evidence)

Latent Syphilis (code No. 900 147) (Especially late: less than 4 years; late: later than 4 years)

An intermediate or quiescent phase after secondary lesions have disappeared and while tertiary symptoms are not yet evident

- A Latent syphilis offers no clinical evidence of disease other than the positive blood test. It is therefore important to rule out false positive blood tests, the most common cause of which are technical or clerical errors, acute fever, yaws, infectious mononucleosis, malaria, leprosy, leishmaniasis, smallpox, vaccinations, and lymphogranuloma venereum.

Never make a diagnosis of latent syphilis solely on the basis of a single blood test. Rule out the possibility of the above factors. If the blood test is only very transiently and weakly positive, the diagnosis of lues should be questioned. Conversely, if the blood test is persistently positive for 3 or more months, lues is the most likely diagnosis.

- B Spinal fluid must be complementing test

Late (Tertiary) Syphilis (code No. 014 147)

Involvement may be diffuse, may be confined to certain organs, systemically may be localized as discrete granulomatous lesions (gummas) in any and all tissues

- A Macrocystic Gummatous lesions of the skin and mucous membranes
- B Osteum Diffuse or gummatous lesions of bones and joints with periostitis, arthritis, synovitis and osteomyelitis
- C Ocular Conjunctivitis, iritis, uveitis, choroiditis, keratitis and retinitis
- D Visceral (including diaphragm) Gummatous or diffuse involve ment of liver, pancreas, lungs, spleen, kidneys and stomach
- E Cardiovascular
  - 1 Complicated aortitis (code No. 481 147)
  - 2 Aortic regurgitation (code No. 455 147)
  - 3 Aneurysm (code No. 481 147 6)
- F Neurosyphilis

- 1 A symptoms of neurosyphilis characterized by spinal fluid abnormalities (Group I and II see page 438) but without evidence of symptoms or signs of neurological involvement
  - a May be classified according to CSF changes (see page 43) as mild, moderate or severe (Groups I, II or III)
  - b If untreated may develop into clinical neurosyphilis
  - c May occur during any phase of lues
- 2 Symptomatic

Acute syphilitic meningitis (code No. 812 14 6)  
 (1) Less likely to occur within 2 years after infection

Special Considerations Regarding Penicillin Therapy

- A Herxheimer's reactions usually of a mild degree occur with marked frequency and consist of fever and generalized aches and pains within 24 hours after onset of therapy
- B Some clinicians feel that in late syphilis it is necessary to administer a course of bismuth and iodides prior to penicillin therapy in order to diminish the hazards of Herxheimer's reaction or "therapeutic paradox." These dangers, if they exist at all, are minimal.
- C Sensitivity to penicillin (see page 505) contraindicates further use of the drug.
- D Relapse following one or more courses of penicillin therapy requires consideration of other therapeutic agents.

Aureomycin® Treatment Methods

Oral Aureomycin® has been reported to be effective in the treatment of syphilis, but clinical experience with the drug is not extensive. Optimal dosage schedules, toxicity, failure rates, etc., remain to be determined. One Gm. every 4 hours day and night for a total of 70-90 Gm. has been suggested. Its use may be considered in those patients sensitive to penicillin.

Bismuth Treatment Methods

- A Indication
  - 1 As adjunct or supplement to penicillin therapy enhances antiluetic activity of that agent.
  - 2 Preliminary to penicillin therapy in latent or late lues when Herxheimer's reaction is feared.
  - 3 In cases of multiple antibiotic sensitivity.
- B Contraindications, Severe stomatitis or severe renal damage.
- C Drugs Available
  - 1 Bismuth Subsalicylate Injection U.S.P. 0.2 Gm. 1 Ml. once weekly.
  - 2 Iodobismuthite sodium with ethyl aminobenzoate (Iodobismitol with benzocaine) 2 cc. 1 Ml. every 3 days. 16-20 injections comprise a course of treatment. If necessary such therapy may be continued over a long period of time (2 cc. 0.025 Gm. metallic Bi).
- D Technic of Intramuscular Injection with Bismuth
  - 1 Cleanse skin of outer upper quadrant of buttock with alcohol sponge.
  - 2 Agitate bismuth vial vigorously for one minute to ensure a uniform suspension.
  - 3 Aspirate bismuth suspension in a sterile 2 cc. syringe through a 1 inch No. 20 gauge needle.
  - 4 Replace the 1 inch needle with a 1½ to 2 inch No. 20-22 gauge needle.
  - 5 Draw the buttock downward with the free hand and with a wrist motion only plunge the needle quickly into the muscle. Insert needle more deeply if necessary.
  - 6 Aspirate with the syringe for 10 seconds to make certain that no blood vessel has been entered. If any blood appears choose another injection site.
  - 7 Inject bismuth suspension slowly and steadily.
  - 8 Detach syringe from needle and inject ½ cc. of air.

- 9 Withdraw needle with a single rapid movement  
 10 Massage (rotate patient massaging) the area firmly for about 5 minutes

# DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF VENEREAL DISEASES

| Disease   | Organism and How Demonstrated          | Tests   | Lesions           |                          |
|---|--|---|-------------------|--------------------------|
|   |  |   | Reaction          | Characteristics          |
| Syphilis  |  |   |                   |                          |
| Treponema pallidum (Dark field exam)            |  | Complement fixation (Kahn) and precipitation (Kahn) tests | None              | Painful ulcers           |
| Chancroid                                       | Hemophilus ducreyi (Gram stain)        | None  | Usually fluctuant | Painful ulcers           |
| Lymphogranuloma venereum virus (Culture method) |  | Complement fixation test                                  | Usually fluctuant | Painful evanescent ulcer |
| Granuloma inguinale                             | Dona and Donovan bodies (Wright stain) | None  | Usually none      | Painful spreading ulcer  |
| Gonorrhea (Gram stain)                          |  | Complement fixation (all?)                                | None              | Ulcers                   |
| Nitrogenous gonorrhea                           |  |   |                   |                          |

## GYNECITIS

Gonorrhea is an acute or chronic infection caused by the gram negative diplococcus *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. It is transmitted among adults by sexual intercourse. Acute gonorrhea in the adult male is characterized by an acute urethritis with painful urination and purulent urethral discharge. Chronic gonorrhea may be manifested by chronic inflammation of the prostate, epididymis, and seminal vesicles but rarely of the upper urinary tract. Gonorrhea in the female begins in the urethra, vagina, and vaginal glands and is characterized by pain, inflammation, and purulent discharge. Commonly the infection spreads to the uterus, tube, and other pelvic structures causing abdominal pain and tenderness with evidence of constitutional symptoms. Systemic infection with septicemia and manifested by endocarditis, arthritis, is also common. The organism has a strong affinity for the ocular mucous membrane and may cause a serious and blinding ophthalmia.

### Differential Diagnosis

A history of genital discharge and dysuria occurring 4 to 10 days following sexual intercourse with an infected individual. Symptoms will vary with the anatomic structures involved. Demonstration of the gram negative intracellular diplococcus in smears from lesions by stained (Gram or methylene blue) smears and by culture. Blood culture may be positive in patient with septicemia. Complement fixation test may be positive as well as after the initial infection.

1. Gonorrhea  
 2. Chancroid  
 3. Lymphogranuloma venereum  
 4. Granuloma inguinale



- 1 Urethritis acute anterior (code No 744 103)
    - a Smear and if necessary culture of material obtained from the urethral meatus will demonstrate the causative organism. This is obtained by urethral stripping and never by any other method during the acute phase. The discharge is universal in the chronic phase.
    - b Two glass test. Acute first glass is cloudy the second is clear. Chronic both glasses contain shreds.
    - c Clinical symptoms are most often acute and definite. Prostate and seminal vesicles may become involved.
  - 2 Prostatitis acute (code No 764 103). Urethral discharge may or may not be increased. Smear and culture findings will be as above. Perineal pain is common and is increased by defecation. Low back pain may be present. Constitutional symptoms such as fever and chills may be present. Dysuria is frequent and retention may occur.
  - 3 Acute epididymitis (code No 756 103). History of current urethritis. Smear and culture findings as above. There is also testicular pain swelling warmth and redness.
- C Female Genital Tract Involvement
- 1 Acute urethritis (code No 740 103). Smear and (preferably) culture of urethral and vaginal discharges should be performed. There is redness and swelling of vaginal vestibule and external meatus.
  - 2 Chronic gonorrheal infections (after 4-8 weeks)
    - a Very careful and repeated cultures and stained smears of material obtained from Skene's Bartholin's or endocervical glands. (For technique see U.S.P.H.S. VD bulletin 97 1945.)
    - b Pelvic inflammation (code No 066 103) may be characterized by lower quadrant abdominal tenderness mass peritoneal irritation and systemic manifestations.

#### Treatment

Penicillin streptomycin Aureomycin® Terramycin® and the sulfonamides are all effective anti gonococcal agents although penicillin is generally the drug of choice.

#### A Acute or Chronic Uncomplicated Urethritis (male or female) (code No 740 103) Avoid all local treatment such as irrigations manipulations and instillations

- 1 Penicillin therapy. Several effective techniques are available. Always draw preliminary blood specimen for serological test for syphilis and examine patient clinically for evidence of syphilis since the danger of masking early syphilis by penicillin treatment is very real.
  - a Crystalline Penicillin Procaine in Oil Injection U.S.P. 600 000 units I.M. as a single injection a convenient method for ambulatory patients.
  - or b Penicillin (aqueous) 30 000-60 000 units every 2 hours for 5 doses (total of 150 000-300 000 units).
- 2 Alternative therapy. If coincident lues is suspected the above treatment should be altered as follows
  - a Penicillin. Reduce total dosage of penicillin to no more than 150 000 units.

or b Sulfonamid treatment.

- (1) S. Meflazin or sulfathiaz 1 4 0 Gm (50 gr) orally Stat followed by 1 0 Gm (15 g) every 4 hours day and night for 5 d ys for hospital patients
- (2) S. If di line or sulf thiazole 1 0 Gm (15 g) orally 4 times daily for 5 7 d ys for ambulatory patients (30 40% failures by this method)

or c Combined penicillin (reduced dosage) and sulfonamid

3 Follow up. Should consist of examination of the patient weekly intervals for at least 3 weeks or preferably

a Weekly examination for evidence of urethral discharge pain or rash

b Stained smear and if possible culture of any inflammatory exudate weekly. Avoid prostatic massage urethral swabs or instrumentation as a means of obtaining material for examination in acute cases

c Ser. Blood test for syphilis and examination for clinical evidence of late at the end of the third week and again at 3 6 12 and 24 months

4 Retreatment of penicillin failures (suspect other etiology)

If any of the weekly checks shows bacteriologic evidence of persistent gonorrheal infection repeat the penicillin treatment also. Consider the possibility of urological complications. If such can be reasonably excluded consider treatment with

a Increased dosage of penicillin

b Combined penicillin and Monomid utilizing a combination of the procedures mentioned above

c Streptomycin 0 3 0 5 Gm I M as single dose

d A. r. omeycin® 1 0 Gm orally Stat and then 0 5 Gm at 6 hours intervals for 4 6 doses

Tetracycline® 1 0 Gm orally Stat and 1 0 Gm repeated in 6 hours

5 Prevention of failures. Often called treatment failures

or early relapses this is because the public and the public at large have come to believe that modern treatment is infallible and now rendered the disease trivial in nature

The danger of this concept must be made apparent to the patient

B. Acute Gonorrhea (Code No. 764 103) Treatment. Not all cases and likelihood of the disease may produce symptoms the relief

C. Acute Epididymitis (Code No. 736 103) Above treatment in addition

1 Bed rest

2 Cold compresses to scrotal region

3 Analgesic for relief of pain

4 Supportive to be used during convalescent ambulatory phase

D. Prostatic Inflammation (Code No. 736 103) (Acute Gonococcal Prostatitis)

1 Acute

a Absorbent catheter

b Intracavitary irrigation during or after catheterization

- c Examine carefully for clinical evidence of lues. Draw blood for serological test.
- d Penicillin 50 000 100 000 units every 3 hours day and night for a minimum period of 5 days or until patient is afebrile for 2 days.
  - (1) Convalescent period. If patient becomes afebrile and asymptomatic keep her at bed rest until WBC and sedimentation rate become normal (may take a month or more). Observe the patient during and following her next menstrual period for pain and pelvic changes; if these are absent discharge her to home care on the convalescent program outlined below.
  - (2) Retreatment. If symptoms, fever, leukocytosis, increased sedimentation rate or positive vaginal smear persist or if they recur at the time of menses administer a second course of penicillin.
- e Retreatment with sulfonamides. If the patient fails to respond to 2 courses of penicillin therapy give 4.0 Gm (80 gr.) of sulfadiazine or sulfadiazine-sulfamerazine mixture and follow with 1.0 Gm (15 gr.) every 4 hours for 5-8 days. Give equal or double amounts of sodium bicarbonate with the sulfonamides. Observe usual precautions for sulfonamides.
- f Pyrotherapy. In the rare case that fails to respond to penicillin and the sulfonamides pyrotherapy may be of value. This must be given only by experienced personnel.
- g Convalescent program. After the patient is discharged from the hospital give the following instructions:
  - (1) Sedentary life.
  - (2) No sexual intercourse until signs and symptoms have completely cleared (usually takes about 6-8 weeks).
  - (3) Douches. Prolonged douches of warm tap water using 1-2 gallons and administering slowly and gently over a 15-20 minute period once or twice daily. The patient can perform this procedure most effectively while sitting in the bathtub.
- 2 Subacute (or acute exacerbation of chronic form)
  - a Absolute bed rest until signs and symptoms have cleared.
  - b Douches as above.
  - c Penicillin is much less effective in this phase of the disease but a trial of therapy is warranted (see above).
- 3 Chronic (chronic gonococcal salpingitis code No 787.103.0)
  - a Bed rest during acute exacerbations.
  - b Penicillin is usually ineffective.
  - c A course of pelvic diathermy treatments may be of value.
  - d Surgical procedures may be indicated. This decision should be made by a gynecologist. Results of surgery are not uniformly satisfactory.

#### GRANULOMA INGUINALE (code No 146.190)

A chronic contagious disease caused by infection with an organism of as yet unproved identity and known as the Donovan body. It is manifested by a painless sharply defined reddish verrucose

and ulcerate easily bleeding, and gangrenomatous in final lesion of the skin or mucous membrane of the genital region. If untreated the lesion gradually tends to involve the entire genital area and later the ed, ce t are s of the abdomen and thighs. It rarely involves deeper structures. There is usually no lymphadenopathy. Lesions rarely heal spontaneously although the process may remain stationary for years. Deep tissue scrapings or punch biopsy of deep peripheral granulation tissue should be stained with Wright's stain and examined for Donovan bodies (see Table on page 443).

#### Treatment

1. Aureomycin® and chloramphenicol are both effective. 1 Gm daily for 1-2 weeks may be tried.
2. Streptomycin is highly effective but may be contraindicated by the danger of damage to the vestibular apparatus. If tried, it may be used in dose of 1 Gm i.m. daily until the lesion is healed.

### LYMPHOGRANULOMA VENEREUM (code No. 55-198) (Lymphogranuloma Inguinale or Lymphopathia Venereum)

Lymphogranuloma venereum is an acute or chronic venereal disease caused by a specific virus. It is characterized by minimal herpetiform genital lesions and may be complicated by regional lymph node involvement and at times by variable constitutional reactions.

The incubation period is unknown (days to months). Initial lesions are small, painless or unnoticed, herpetiform or ulcerative and may appear on any part of the external genital area. Inguinal buboes appear 1-4 weeks after infection, are often bilateral and may or may not be suppurative. The nodes may fuse, soften and break down, forming multiple sinus tracts. Extensive scarring may occur. Chronic and relapsed cases manifested by rectal pain, sanguinous purulent discharge and anal strictures is more frequently encountered in females than in the patients. Constitutional reactions frequently accompany the stage of bubo formation and are characterized by fever, chills, anorexia, malaise and neurological manifestations. Consider this disease as a possibility in undiagnosed cases.

The Frei test (injection of embryo antigen) is of value. If positive within a period of 1-4 weeks duration a negative reaction probably rules out lymphogranuloma venereum. A positive skin reaction means an active infection, past, latent, or related viral infection (false positive). There may be a reversal of the albumin reaction due to the serum. Complement fixation tests are of doubtful value. A serum sample of the possibility of primary syphilis (see page 439). Frei's positive (usually weakly positive) serologic test or symptoms may occur.

#### Prevention

##### Chemoprophylaxis

Low dosage of sulfathiazole 1 Gm. (15 gr) i.i.d. for 1-2 weeks or longer probably has no effect against the virus but is effective in preventing secondary complications.

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- 2 Aureomycin® 0.25 to 0.5 Gm (3 3/4 to 15 gr) orally q i d for 5 to 14 days has been reported to be beneficial

### B Local Measures

- 1 Bed rest (provides local comfort)
- 2 Warm fomentations to buboes p r n for discomfort
- 3 Analgesics p r n
- 4 Aspirate fluctuant nodes under aseptic precautions (see below) Incision and drainage are to be avoided (to prevent lymphatic obstructions)
- 5 Proctoscopic examination for diagnosis and for later evaluation of changes
- 6 Extensive plastic surgical repair operations may be necessary in the chronic and rectal form of the disease Rectal strictures should be treated by prolonged gentle dilation although in extreme cases this may be impossible and colon shunting procedures may be necessary

### CHANCROID (Soft Chancre)

(Of Penis code No 751 10x) (Of Vulva code No 774 10x)

A venereal disease caused by *Hemophilus ducreyi* and manifested by painful genital ulcer or ulcers often complicated by suppurating inguinal lymph nodes (buboes) Incubation period is from 3 to 5 days (range 2 to 7 days?) following venereal exposure The genital lesion begins as a macule or vesicopustule which ruptures to produce a shallow necrotic undermined ulcer Single or multiple painful lesions may occur and phimosis may result Regional lymph nodes become enlarged in a few days to 2 weeks and are usually unilateral soft fluctuant and tender The nodes may rupture or may subside spontaneously Giemsa stained smears from the lesion reveal *Hemophilus ducreyi* which may also be cultured from pus from the lesions of the buboes Syphilis must be excluded by the diagnostic measures outlined under the diagnosis of syphilis (primary) The two diseases may coexist

### Treatment

#### A Specific Therapy

- 1 Sulfadiazine 1.0 Gm (15 gr) q i d for 1 week Observe usual precautions with the use of sulfonamides (see page 501)
- or 2 Aureomycin® or Terramycin® 0.5 Gm every 6 hours for 5 to 7 days

#### B Local Therapy

- 1 Careful cleansing of ulcerations with soap and water b i d (after diagnosis has been made) will suffice When lesions fail to heal promptly soaks or compresses of 1:10,000 potassium permanganate solution may be necessary
- 2 Fluctuant buboes may be aspirated with a large gauge (No 16) needle as indicated Warm compresses or a hot water bottle may be applied to the groin for comfort and to hasten fluctuation or regression of buboes

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## DISEASES DUE TO VIRUSES

## MEASLES (code No 010 169)

A acute highly communicable virus infection characterized by inflammation of the respiratory tract conjunctivitis Koplik's spots and a blotchy rash

The prognosis is generally good. Secondary infection by bacteria is common but responds readily to appropriate treatment. The fatality rate of post-measles encephalitis is 30 per cent and those surviving frequently have residual damage.

Diagnosis

The incubation period is 10 days. A prodromal period of fever, coryza and conjunctivitis precede the rash by about 4 days. Koplik's spots usually appear 2 days before the rash. A blotchy rash appears on the face on the first day, spreads to the trunk on the second and to the extremities on the third and fourth days. Lesions last 3-5 days.

Measles is most contagious just before and during the prodromal illness but less so for about a week after the appearance of the rash.

Treatment

A. Specific: None available

B. General:

1. Isolation of the patient following onset of rash
2. Bed rest until afebrile
3. Aspirin or other early analgesic
4. Saline eye sponge for symptomatic relief of conjunctivitis
5. 1% ephedrine for nose drops
6. Sedative cough mixture if necessary (see p. 111)

C. Treatment of Complications:

1. Secondary bacterial infections of the middle ear, throat, larynx, or lungs are treated with appropriate sulfonamides or antibiotics (see 214).
2. Post-measles encephalitis (code No 033 169) may not be treated symptomatically.  
Lumbar puncture for relief of headache (see p. 9)
3. A. 1. convulsions as necessary (see 251)

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### Prophylaxis

Active prophylaxis is not practical but passive protection or modification may be accomplished

- A Complete temporary protection of exposed susceptibles usually follows administration before the sixth day of incubation or 20 cc of convalescent serum 2 to 10 cc of immune serum globulin (gamma globulin) or 3 to 10 cc of human immune globulin (placental immune) 1 M
- B Modification of the disease followed by permanent immunity usually results from the injection of half the above doses on the fifth to seventh days equal doses on the eighth day or double doses on the ninth or tenth days following exposure

## RUBELLA (German Measles) (code No 010 165)

Rubella is an acute communicable disease of viral origin characterized by rash and lymphadenopathy

### Diagnosis

The incubation period is 2 to 3 weeks. A short prodromal period of malaise or aching in the posterior cervical nodes may precede the fine papular eruption which appears usually first on the face and quickly spreads to the trunk and extremities. Suboccipital and posterior cervical adenitis is usually present. Leukopenia is generally noted. Patients are probably infectious during the prodrome and during the eruption.

### Treatment

- A Specific Measures None
- B General Measures Aspirin for malaise if required
- C Treatment of Complications
  - 1 Fetal abnormality is frequently found if the disease occurs during the first or early in the second trimester of pregnancy. (See Prophylaxis)
  - 2 Encephalitis (code No 930 165) and thrombocytopenic purpura (code No 516 165 9) are very rare. Treat symptomatically.
  - 3 Secondary streptococcal infection may occur and should be treated with penicillin (see p 459)

### Prophylaxis

Pregnant women who have been exposed to rubella may be given 5 to 20 cc of immune serum globulin (gamma globulin) 1 M in an effort to prevent or modify the disease.

## VARICELLA (Chickenpox) (code No 010 161)

Varicella is an acute communicable disease caused by a virus akin to that of herpes zoster. It is characterized by the eruption of crops of skin lesions.

### Diagnosis

The incubation period is 2 to 3 weeks (usually 17 days)

Prodromal symptoms are usually slight and last only one day. Lesions erupt in crops and progress through the maculopapular vesicular and pustular stages to crusts in about 3 days. The eruption is usually centripetal in distribution. The patient is infectious for one day before the onset and for 5 days thereafter. The late crusts may also occasionally be infectious.

#### Treatment

A. Specific Measures: None available

B. General Measures:

1. Isolate until primary crusts have disappeared.
2. Bed rest until afebrile.
3. Cleanliness of skin by frequent tub baths or showers when afebrile.
4. Calamine lotion locally and antihistaminic orally may relieve the pruritus.

C. Treatment of Complications:

1. Secondary bacterial infection of the lesions may be treated with bacitracin, tyrothricin, or penicillin if treatment is locally effective. Penicillin I.M. may be given.
2. Post variella encephalitis may be treated only symptomatically.

#### Prophylaxis

Temporary passive protection is regularly followed by I.M. administration of 20 cc. of convalescent serum, but this is rarely warranted.

### SMALLPOX (Variola) (code No. 010 176)

Smallpox is a serious communicable febrile disease characterized by rapid onset of constitutional symptoms followed by an eruption most marked on the face and extremities and often involving the mucous membranes.

The prognosis is extremely variable and depends on several factors. Previous effective vaccination prevents or modifies the infection. In cases with high fever and in confluent and hemorrhagic types of smallpox the prognosis is poor. The influence of the virus in perleminis is quite variable. If complications are present the prognosis is worse. The amount of scarring is variable but is more marked with secondary infection.

#### Diagnosis

The incubation period is 7 to 21 days. The prodromal illness lasts 2 to 4 days and consists of fever, prostration, headache and malaise, prostration, and often vomiting, sore throat and cough. The onset of the eruption may be accompanied by temporary difficulty of voice. Maculopapules are preceded by shallow papules which become vesicles in about 3 days. On about the sixth day of eruption, pustulation occurs followed by crusting after the seventh day. Lesions are centrifugally distributed and are most dense on the face and distal part of the extremities. A recent successful vaccination usually precludes the diagnosis of smallpox in a suspected case. Inactivity is present from just before the onset until the last crust is shed.



Treatment

- A Specific Measures None
- B General Measures Penicillin has a generally favorable effect probably due to control of secondary invaders which are almost an integral part of the disease
- C Local Measures
- 1 Mucous membranes Early in the disease provide good oral hygiene (see p 8 ) and apply petrolatum or mineral oil swabs to the nares
  - 2 Skin Gentle cleansing If lesions are confluent and suppurating treat as pyoderma (see p 85) Avoid itching by use of antipruritics (see p 68) restraints and sedation may be necessary
- D Treatment of Complications Treat as indicated for secondary infections otherwise treatment is symptomatic Complications include secondary infections of the skin mucous membranes and respiratory tract septicemia nephritis myocarditis and various neurological manifestations

Prophylaxis

Vaccination (see p 493)

### EPIDEMIC PAROTITIS (Mumps) (code No 621 170)

Mumps is an acute infectious disease caused by a specific virus which most commonly involves the salivary glands but frequently produces meningoencephalitis orchitis pancreatitis and oophoritis The prognosis is almost always favorable Testicular atrophy usually unilateral may follow orchitis but rarely produces sterility

Diagnosis

The incubation period is 2 to 4 weeks (usually 18 to 21 days) Swelling of the parotid or other salivary glands is the commonest manifestation and is rarely accompanied by severe systemic manifestations Headache and drowsiness abdominal pain and testicular pain and swelling usually associated with fever generally denote meningoencephalitis (confirmed by lumbar puncture) pancreatitis and orchitis respectively Complement fixing antibodies appear during convalescence Mumps is probably infectious just before the appearance of swelling and until swelling disappears

Treatment

- A Specific Measures None available
- B General Measures
- 1 Isolate until swelling is gone
  - 2 Bed rest during febrile period
  - 3 Aspirin or codeine for analgesia if required
  - 4 Alkaline aromatic solution mouth washes
  - 5 Mumps convalescent serum 20 cc mumps convalescent gamma globulin 2.5 cc I M or stilbestrol 2 to 5 mg (1/30 1/12 gr ) daily may reduce the incidence of orchitis in adult males
- C Treatment of Complications Complications are really less

common manifestations of the disease and not true complications. They may precede or occur in the absence of parotitis.

- 1 Meningoencephalitis (code No 912 170) May be a symptomatic
  - a Analgesics as necessary
  - b Lumbar puncture if necessary to reduce headache
- 2 Orchitis (code No 755 170)
  - a Suspension of scrotum in suspensory or toweling bridge and application of ice bags
  - b Incision of tunica may be necessary in severe cases
  - c Codine or morphine as necessary for analgesia
  - d Injection of spermatic cord at external inguinal ring with 10 to 20 cc (2 1/2 to 5 cc) of 1% procaine solution
- 3 Parotitis (code No 690 170) Symptomatic relief only  
Parenteral fluid if necessary
- 4 Oophoritis (code No 788 170) Symptomatic treatment only

#### Prophylaxis

- A Mumps convalescent serum 20 cc (5 drops) i.m. may reduce incidence in exposed susceptible
- B Mumps virus vaccine may produce temporary active immunity  
Intradermal injection of virus antigen develops immunity if followed by local erythema

### **POLIOMYELITIS (Infantile Paralysis) (code No 972 171)**

Acute anterior poliomyelitis is an infectious disease of viral origin involving the central nervous system and manifested by muscle spasm and in many cases weakness. The overall mortality rate is 5 to 10 per cent. Almost all deaths occur in patients with bulbar involvement. Recovery of motor power is unpredictable and improvement may continue for months or years.

#### Diagnosis

The incubation period is 3 to 21 days (usually 7 to 10 days). Pain is the commonest symptom (headache, backache, stiffness, soreness in the extremities, abdominal pain, or sore throat). This is usually associated with fever of 3 to 5 days duration. Muscle weakness may appear at any time during the febrile period. The cerebrospinal fluid usually contains an increased number of lymphocytes, but sugar and chloride content are normal.

Infectivity is great at the beginning of the disease and possibly may be present before the onset of symptoms from the presence of virus in the nasopharynx. Virus occasionally persists in the stools for many weeks.

#### Treatment

- A Specific measures None. Serum and gamma globulin have never proved of benefit in controlled series.
- B General measures
  - 1 Pain
    - a Hot wet packs wrung dry to areas of pain & to muscle spasm 2 to 3 times daily
    - b Aspirin or codeine as necessary for pain unrelieved by packs

- 2 Muscle spasm Hot packs neostigmine and curare and curare like drugs are of questionable value Muscle stretching after subsidence of the acute process should be carried out cautiously
- 3 Prevention of deformity and restoration of motor power Weak muscles should be supported by rolled towels sand bags or light removable splints where necessary to prevent deformity Passive movement to the point of pain of all involved areas should be carried out daily as soon as fever subsides to prevent contracture and minimize atrophy As motor power returns active movement of involved areas should be carried out (under careful supervision) once or twice daily to prevent incoordination Pool therapy may allow reeducation of extremely weak muscles by minimizing the effect of gravity Rapid return of motor power usually occurs for about 3 months Following this period an increase in motor power may develop from exercises against resistance or use in ordinary activities such as eating walking and climbing Braces may be required to support very weak muscles while somewhat stronger muscles are being used actively Canadian (short) cutches and spring suspension slings for the extremities also may aid in muscle reeducation Complete rehabilitation within the permanent limitation of the patient should be attempted so that the patient may resume an approximately normal life as early as possible At all times deformity should be avoided by appropriate supervision

#### C Treatment of Complications

- 1 Urinary retention requires repeated catheterization or an indwelling catheter Sulfonamide prophylaxis should be used
- 2 Paralysis of deglutition complicated by accumulation of secretions must be treated vigorously but carefully to prevent aspiration and atelectasis as well as hypoxia Elevation of the foot of the bed and careful repeated aspiration deep in the respiratory tract with mechanical suction should be utilized primarily When these measures are unsuccessful tracheotomy should be performed and suction carried out through the tracheotomy opening Penicillin should be used to prevent secondary infection
- 3 Paralysis of intercostal muscles and diaphragm requires the use of the respirator Attempt to wean the patient away from the respirator should be begun as soon as any respiratory involvement is observed and should be persisted in at whatever pace is possible The rocking bed and chest respirator should aid in the transition If the vital capacity diminishes or fails to increase return to more mechanical respiratory aid may be necessary to avoid fatigue of weak respiratory muscles

Oxygen may be given by nasal catheter or mask when hypoxia is evident by clinical observation or oximeter readings The negative pressure of the respirator and the rate of respiration should be adjusted according to need but should be the minimum required to insure adequate oxygenation

- 4 Respiratory center involvement (acute bulbar poliomyelitis code No 957 171) Patients whose respiratory

difficulty due to involvement of the respiratory center are generally not helped by the respiratory. Oxygen should be administered to prevent hypoxia.

- 5 Cardiovascular. Hypertension, hypotension and tachycardia may occur due to involvement of circulatory centers by poliomyelitis virus or hypoxic damage. Treatment is unsatisfactory. Oxygen should be used.
- 6 Atelectasis and pneumonia. Refractory cases of death in patients with respiratory paralysis and may be avoided by spiration or bronchoscopy and antibiotic therapy.

#### Prophylaxis

- 1 highly controversial subject at present.
- A Gamma Globulin. Given in doses of 0.2 cc per pound of body weight gamma globulin is said to be 88 per cent effective against paralytic effect of disease in a 5 week period and 75 per cent effective for periods 5 weeks (W. M. Hammon). Evidence would suggest that gamma globulin may have preventive or modifying effects when given in an incubation period.
- B Salk Vaccine. A nationwide controlled vaccination program currently in progress will indicate the value of this vaccine.

#### PSITTACOSIS (code No 010 173)

Psittacosis (ornithosis) is characterized by pneumonia of non-infectious usually associated with fever and malaise. A history of contact with pet parakeets, pigeons or rarely other birds is usually obtainable. Diagnosis is proved by isolation of virus from blood or sputum of the patient or by rising titer of complement fixing antibody. Human to human transmission is rare although isolation precaution is wise.

#### Treatment

- A Spectinomycin.
  - 1 Oral. Spectinomycin (A. roemycin®) 0.5 Gm every 6 hours orally for 0.5 Gm 1 V every 12 hours for 10 to 14 days.
  - or 2 Intramuscular (aqueous) 100,000 units 1 M every 3 hours for 2 weeks.
  - or 3 Oxytetracycline (T. roemycin®) 0.5 Gm every 6 hours orally.
- B General Measures. Oxygen and sedation as required.

#### ENCEPHALITIS (code No 930 1 )

The pathogen may be arthropod borne (East and West Nile, Japanese encephalomyelitis, St. Louis or Japanese B), post-infectious (mumps, varicella, etc.) or of a known type (von Economo's, etc.). Senatorial depression and focal abnormalities signs of meningeal irritation and convulsions may be noted. Lymphocytosis is found in the cerebrospinal fluid and associated with cerebral edema. The histological picture is of an acute inflammatory reaction. The arthropod borne types and the mumps encephalitis are the most common.

TreatmentA Specific Measures NoneB General Measures

- 1 Repeated lumbar punctures may relieve symptoms
- 2 Prevention of decubiti pneumonia and urinary tract infections is important
- 3 Anticonvulsants as needed (see pp 351 and 533)

**LYMPHOCYTIC CHORIOMENINGITIS (code No 910 160)**

Lymphocytic choriomeningitis is a viral infection of the central nervous system which is clinically indistinguishable from non paralytic poliomyelitis or mild encephalitis. The virus may be isolated from the blood or spinal fluid or diagnosis may be confirmed by a rising titer of neutralizing or complement fixing antibodies.

Incubation period is probably 8 to 21 days

TreatmentA Specific Measures NoneB General Measures As in encephalitis (see above)**DENGUE (code No 010 162)**

Dengue is an acute infectious disease caused by a virus transmitted by mosquitoes. The incubation period is usually 5 to 8 days following the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito. Onset is with chilliness aching of head back and extremities anorexia and severe prostration. Conjunctival injection and generalized lymphadenopathy may be found. The fever usually lasts 5 to 6 days and may be of the saddle back form. A scarlatiniform or maculopapular eruption occurs on the third to fifth days and lasts up to 3 days. Leukopenia is usually marked. Fatality is extremely rare.

TreatmentA Specific Measures NoneB General Measures

- 1 Salicylates or codeine as required for discomfort
- 2 Gradual restoration of activity during prolonged convalescence

Prophylaxis

A Control of mosquitoes by screening and DDT

B Dengue vaccine shows promise experimentally

**RABIES (code No 010 174)**

Rabies is an acute viral infection primarily of animals which is occasionally transmitted to man. It is characterized by apathy or hyperexcitability paralysis and invariably results in death.

Diagnosis

The incubation period is usually 2 to 8 weeks (occasionally as

long as 1 y r) f l lowing the bite of a rabid animal Onset occ s with pain and numbness at the site of l oc lation followed by depression irritability and mild dysphagia This is followed by hyperaesthesia and muscle spasms particularly of the pharynx Eventually paralysis and death occur

#### Treatment

A Specific Therapy None

B General Measures

- 1 Absolute quiet and freedom from stimulation
- 2 Sedation as indicated for preventing convulsions

#### Prophylaxis

A Quarantine of animal producing bite

B Cauterization of wound with fuming nitric acid followed by cauterization of the acid with lime water or thorough washing with green soap

C Rabies vaccine 2 cc subcut daily for 14 days following positive diagnosis of rabies or following bite by a suspected animal if a limb cannot be observed or if bite is on the head

### YELLOW FEVER (code No 010 178)

Yellow fever is an acute infection of man and monkeys due to a virus transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes It is characterized by fever relative bradycardia icterus and hemorrhagic phenomena The mortality rate of yellow fever is quite variable including mild cases It is probably 5 per cent

#### Incubation

The incubation period is 3 to 6 days The onset is with chill headache and backache The fever often declines temporarily after 3 days during which time the patient is fevered and toxic and may have severe nausea and vomiting The conjunctivae are injected and the tongue red This is followed by pallor ecchymoses bleeding gums black vomit light jaundice melana albuminuria and proteinuria Leukopenia and relative bradycardia are usually seen

#### Treatment

A Specific Treatment None

B General Measures

- 1 Liquid diet Limit food to high-carbohydrate high protein liquids as tolerated
- 2 Intravenous glucose and saline as required
- 3 Analgesic and sedatives as necessary
- 4 Saline enemas for abdominal pain

#### Prophylaxis

A Vaccination controlled by adequate screening use of DDT measures

B Treatment of fever with 0.5 cc subcut weekly

## DISEASES DUE TO RICKETTSIAE

The rickettsiae are arthropod borne organisms which produce widespread nodular thrombotic and necrotic lesions in the smaller blood vessels and capillaries. The severity of involvement varies with the different species of the rickettsiae. The seriousness of the prognoses of epidemic typhus, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and scrub typhus has been greatly reduced since the advent of specific antibiotic therapy.

Diagnosis

- A Typhus Fever (code No. 010 184) Incubation period 6 to 15 days. Typhus fever is caused by *Rickettsia prowazekii* (epidemic type) or *Rickettsia mooseri* (murine type). The former is transmitted by body lice, the latter by rat fleas. The diseases are similar except that the murine variety is less severe. Onset is abrupt with chills, fever, aching and prostration. Delirium, stupor or coma may occur. A macular, papular or hemorrhagic rash begins on the fourth to seventh days, appearing first on the trunk and spreading to the extremities, usually sparing the face, palms and soles. Leukopenia occurs early. Diagnosis may be confirmed by complement fixation reaction or Proteus OX 19 agglutinins appearing during the second week.
- B Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (code No. 010 181) The incubation period is 3 to 14 days. Rocky Mountain spotted fever is caused by *Rickettsia rickettsii* and is transmitted by tick bite (principally *Dermacentor andersoni* and *D. variabilis*). Prodromal symptoms of chilliness, anorexia and malaise may occur. The onset of chills, fever, headache, photophobia, pain in the extremities is usually sudden. A red, later dusky or hemorrhagic maculopapular rash appears first on the wrists and ankles from the second to sixth days and extends rapidly over the entire body including the face, palms and soles. Leukopenia is usually present early. Complement fixing antibodies and agglutinins for Proteus OX 2 or OX 19 appear during the second week.
- C Scrub Typhus (Tatsugamushi Fever) (code No. 010 183) Scrub typhus is caused by *Rickettsia tsutsugamushi* and is transmitted by larval mites. An eschar at the area of inoculation is common. The onset is sudden with chills, fever, malaise and cough. A dull red maculopapular eruption appears on the trunk from the fifth to eighth days and may extend to the extremities. Specific complement fixing antibodies or Proteus OX K agglutinins appear during the second week.
- D Q Fever (code No. 010 185) Q fever is caused by *Coxiella burnetii* and is apparently acquired from sheep, goats and cattle in a manner not yet determined. Headache, fever, cough and stiff neck are common symptoms. Repeated rigors may occur. Pneumonitis or hepatitis may be demonstrated. Specific complement fixing antibodies appear during the second or third weeks.
- E Rickettsial Pox (code No. 010 187) Rickettsial pox is an infection caused by *Rickettsia akari* introduced by the bite of a mite. A lesion which passes through the stage of papule, vesicle and

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- Tre im t  
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12 hours  
or b Oxytetracycline (Tetracycline) 0.5 Gm orally ev ry 6  
hours for 2 to 7 days or 1 Gm 1 V every 12 hou s  
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## DISEASES DUE TO BACTERIA

### SCARLET FEVER (code No. 010 102) and STREPTOCOCCIC SORE THROAT (code No. 631 102)

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it s septic ore throat) are infections of the f s by  $\beta$  hemo  
lytic e pyococci (Lanc fi d Group A). In scarlet f ver in addi  
tion stain mac-entator due to erythrogenic toxin are present  
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Diagnosis

The incubation period is 2 to 7 days. The onset is usually abrupt with chills, fever, headache, pain in the extremities or abdomen, vomiting and sore throat. The throat is usually fiery red and moderately edematous. Exudate, if present, consists of patches of whitish material which may be easily wiped off. The rash of scarlet fever consists of a punctate erythema which is densest in the skin folds of the axilla and groin but does not appear on the extensor surfaces of the upper extremity. Strawberry tongue and stippling of the soft palate may be noted. Diagnosis may be confirmed by culture. Sedimentation rate is increased and leukocytosis is present.

The duration of the infection varies; it may be prolonged by a convalescent carrier state.

TreatmentA. Specific Measures

1. Penicillin p. ocaine 300,000 units daily I. M. Penicillin must be continued 5 to 7 days or relapse may occur. Aqueous penicillin 30,000 to 40,000 units I. M. every 2 hours may be used or oral penicillin 200,000 units every 6 hours. Local penicillin by lozenges is worthless.
- or 2. Chlorotetracycline (Aureomycin®) 0.2 to 0.5 Gm. every 6 hours, oxytetracycline (Terramycin®) 0.5 Gm. every 6 hours or erythromycin 0.2 to 0.5 Gm. every 6 hours are effective but may be followed by bacteriological or clinical relapse.
3. Sulfonamides have no effect on the course of streptococcal sore throat or scarlet fever but may prevent complications if given for 2 weeks. Dosage 0.5 Gm. (7½ gr.) every 4 hours with equal or double quantities of sodium bicarbonate.
4. Scarlet Fever Streptococcus Antitoxin (9,000-36,000 units) may be given I. M. with benefit in severely toxic cases of scarlet fever.
5. Convalescent serum 25 to 150 cc. (1.5 oz.) may be used similarly to antitoxin and may be given I. V.

B. General Measures

1. Bed rest until afebrile and sedimentation rate is normal.
2. Diet as suited to soreness of throat.
3. Hot saline or 30% glucose gargles or throat irrigations 3 or 4 times daily for relief of sore throat.
4. Aspirin or codeine as necessary for symptomatic relief.

C. Treatment of Complications

1. Complications due to infection include cervical adenitis, rhinitis, sinusitis, otitis, mastoiditis, pneumonia, empyema, septic arthritis, and septicemia. Treatment with penicillin is usually effective (see p. 502).
2. Complications of unknown etiology:
  - a. Rheumatic fever may be prevented by early vigorous treatment of the infection with penicillin (see p. 518).
  - b. Acute hemorrhagic glomerulonephritis (see p. 293).

- D. Treatment of Carriers 300,000 units of penicillin p. ocaine complex daily I. M. for 6 days usually abolishes the carrier state.

Prophylaxis

- A Serum: Give antitoxin in 5 weekly injections of 500 2000 5000 25 000 and 40 000 units as the toxic manifestations of a latent infection of streptococcal infection
- B 5 Monamides 0.5 Gm. (1½ gr.) b.i.d. penicillin 100 000 units by mouth b.i.d. or benzathine penicillin 600 000 units i.m. once a month reduce the incidence of streptococcal infection. These should be reserved for individuals with rheumatic fever to prevent recurrence of rheumatic fever

**DIPHTHERIA (Pharyngeal code No 631 125)**

(Laryngeal code No 330 125)

(Nasopharyngeal code No 318 125)

Diphtheria is an acute infectious disease caused by Corynebacterium diphtheriae which is characterized by the formation of pseudomembrane at the portal of entry usually the respiratory tract and by the toxicity of exotoxin at distant sites

The mortality rate of diphtheria generally varies between 10 and 30 per cent. Older individuals do poorly and delay of treatment results with a high mortality rate. Myocarditis appearing early is frequently fatal and disturbances of conduction or the appearance of rapid arrhythmias imply a relatively poor prognosis. However if the patient survives recovery is usually complete. Death is rarely fatal unless pneumonia complicates paralysis of cranial nerves or intercostal muscles are paralyzed. Surviving patients recover slowly but completely

Diagnosis

The incubation period is 2 to 7 days. Symptoms depend on the site of the lesion but include sore throat, nasal discharge or hoarseness accompanied by malaise and low grade fever. The pseudomembrane is typically greyish homogeneous and tenacious. Edema and surrounding erythema around the lesion are usually found. Diagnosis is confirmed by cultures. Infusions must be used as long as C. diphtheriae persists in the nasopharynx; the carrier state is not uncommon

Treatment

A Serum: M dose

1. Diphtheria: Antitoxin must be given in all cases where diphtheria cannot be excluded by simple clinical examination. The intravenous route is preferable in all except the mildest cases or in those who are sensitive to horse serum. Conjugate (1 and 2) tests for serum sensitivity (see p 494) should be done in all cases and sensitization (see p 494) tried out if necessary. The dose varies with the duration of the disease, the location of the lesion and the site of the portal. A single dose should suffice

## DOSE SCHEDULE

| Location                             | Child        | Adult        |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Anterior nasal                       | 5000 units   | 10,000 nits  |
| Mild pharyngeal                      | 10,000 nits  | 20,000 units |
| Moderate pharyngeal                  | 20,000 units | 40,000 nits  |
| Severe pharyngeal and nasopharyngeal | 40,000 units | 80,000 units |
| Laryngeal                            | 10,000 nits  | 20,000 units |
| Any two sites or late cases          | 40,000 units | 80,000 units |

- 2 Penicillin procaine 300,000 units daily or penicillin 50,000 units every 3 hours accelerates slightly the disappearance of the organism from the throat and acts against secondary streptococcal invaders. It does not alter the course of the diphtheria itself.

B General Measures

- 1 Absolute bed rest for at least 3 weeks and until Ecg is normal
- 2 Liquid to soft diet as tolerated
- 3 Hot saline or 30% glucose throat irrigations 3 or 4 times daily
- 4 Aspirin or codeine as required for pain

C Treatment of Complications

- 1 Myocarditis (code No 430 125 8) This may occur at any time up to several weeks after onset and may be associated with peripheral vascular collapse. Anginal or abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting or syncope may be noted. Deterioration of the mitral first heart sound, drop in blood pressure, gallop rhythm or any arrhythmia may be found. Ecg evidence is usually demonstrated in serial records.
  - a No definitive treatment is known
  - b Oxygen by tent or mask may be needed
  - c Hypertonic glucose solution 100 cc of 20% solution daily may aid
  - d Digitalis and quinidine should be reserved for rapid arrhythmias
- 2 Neuritis (code No 98 125 8) generally does not begin until at least 3 weeks after the onset. Nasal voice, regurgitation of fluids through the nose (N IX), paralysis of accommodation (N III), dysphagia and dysphonia (N X) and rarely involvement of other cranial nerves usually precede involvement of the extremities which is associated with paresthesias, weakness and depression of reflexes. Nasal feeding should be attempted in such cases. Corrective splinting and physical therapy may be of aid.
- 3 Respiratory tract obstruction. Croupy cough, stridor and dyspnea suggest laryngeal obstruction.
  - a Suction of membrane and secretions under direct laryngoscopy may help
  - b Intubation or tracheotomy should be performed before the appearance of cyanosis if the distress increases

D Treatment of Carriers Penicillin has very limited effect on the carrier state

Prophylaxis

- A. Children Three injections (0.5 ml and 1.0 cc) of diphtheria toxoid (formol alum) of aluminum hydroxide precipitated) at one month intervals during the first 6 months of life (may be combined with tetanus toxoid and pertussis vaccines). Follow by Schick test in 3 to 6 months. Give 1.0 cc booster at 2 years and at start of school.
- B. Adults
1. Sensitivity test. Maloney's test for sensitivity to old 0.1 cc of 1:20 dilution of plain toxoid intradermally. Read like Schick test at 24 to 48 hours.
  2. If Maloney test is negative proceed as in children.
  3. If Maloney test is positive give 0.1 cc of 1:10 dilution of formol toxoid intracutaneously at 3 week intervals.

**PERTUSSIS (Whooping Cough) (code No 350 108)**

Pertussis is an acute communicable infection of the respiratory tract. It is caused by *Bordetella pertussis* and is characterized by paroxysmal cough, whoop, and leukocytosis. Until recently the mortality rate of pertussis in infants under one year of age when the disease is most common was 20 per cent. This has been materially reduced with modern antibiotic therapy. Older children rarely die of pertussis.

Differential

The incubation period is 7 to 14 days. The onset is with coryza followed by gradually increasing cough. After 1 to 2 weeks the cough becomes paroxysmal, especially at night, and is often followed by vomiting. Whoops may be heard during the paroxysm but are often absent. Infrequent in young infants. Absolute lymphocytosis appears during the paroxysmal stage. The diagnosis may be confirmed by cough plate or nasopharyngeal swab cultured on Bordet-Gengou's medium. Infestation is generally in the disease and decays until the organisms disappear from the nasopharynx in about one month.

Treatment

- A. Supportive
1. Chloramphenicol (Chloromycin®) 25 mg /Kg (11 mg /lb) per day orally.
  2. Oxytetracycline (Terramycin®) 50 mg /Kg (23 mg /lb) per day orally.
  3. Streptomycin 1.0 Gm per day in divided doses (1 M) if one week may be effective.
  4. Chloramphenicol U.S.P. (Chloromycin®) 50 mg /Kg (23 mg /lb) per day orally.
  5. Polymyxin B 2.0 mg /Kg (1 mg /lb) per day I.M. is also effective but this drug may be too toxic (ref p 510).
- B. Hypoimmune serum or hypoimmune gamma globulin
- Passive hyperimmune serum (complications and reduce mortality) 20 hyperimmune serum or 3.3 cc hypoimmune gamma globulin given daily or every other day I.M. for 4 or 5 days.

## C Complications and Treatment

- 1 Myocarditis and renal failure are common in severe cases  
No specific treatment is available
- 2 Cranial nerve lesions (especially N VIII) are usually permanent
- 3 Arthritis requires no treatment other than paracentesis for relief of pain

Prophylaxis

1 total of 1 0 2 0 Gm (15 30 gr ) sulfadiazine orally to exposed persons or carriers in two doses taken the same day

PNEUMOCOCCIC MENINGITIS (code No 910 101)  
STREPTOCOCCIC MENINGITIS (code No 910 102)  
STAPHYLOCOCCIC MENINGITIS (code No 910 105)

Symptoms are similar to those of meningococcic meningitis but a preceding infection is usually present and a focus is often demonstrable in the lungs (pneumococcic) the middle ear or sinuses. The spinal fluid must be cultured and examined to determine the causative agent.

Treatment

## A Specific Measures

- 1 Treat as meningococcic meningitis (see above) and also give 10 000 units of penicillin in 10 cc physiological saline intrathecally once daily until CSF glucose is normal
- or 2 Aqueous penicillin 1 000 000 units I M every 2 hours
- 3 Erythromycin 0 5 Gm every 6 hours for staphylococcic meningitis
- 4 Oxytetracycline (Terramycin®) and chlortetracycline (Aureomycin®) may also be effective do not combine with penicillin

## B General Measures Symptomatic and supportive

## HEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE MENINGITIS (code No 910 110)

This form of meningitis may develop gradually or suddenly. It usually occurs in infants less than 2 years old. The symptoms are similar to those of any purulent meningitis (see p 465)

Treatment

## A Specific Measures

- 1 Dihydrostreptomycin (adults 1 0 Gm children 250 mg ) I M every 6 hours for one week and streptomycin 25 mg in 10 cc physiological saline solution intrathecally daily until cerebrospinal fluid glucose content is normal
- 2 Severe cases should also be given sulfadiazine sulfamerazine or a mixture of equal parts of each 150 mg /kg body wt (65 mg or 1 gr /lb ) per day Give equal or double doses of sodium bicarbonate
- 3 Hemophilus influenzae antiserum (Type B) should also be given to patients with delayed response 25 to 100 mg of antibody nitrogen daily I V until a rum produces quelling reaction

- 4 Chloro tetracycline (Aureomycin®) 0.5 Gm. every 6 hours is of value. Oxy tetracycline (Terramycin®) and chloramphenicol of U.S.P. (Chloromycetin®) are also effective.
- B. General Measures. Treat symptoms as they arise and maintain good nutrition and adequate fluids.

### TUBERCULOUS MENINGITIS

(Leptomeningitis code No 912 123)  
(Pachymeningitis code No 911 123)

This disease is caused by spread of the tubercle bacilli from a focus usually in the lungs or in the peritracheal peribronchial or mesenteric lymph nodes. There is usually a gradual onset of symptoms with listlessness irritability anorexia and fever followed by headache vomiting nightcrying convulsions and rigidity of the back opisthotonus paralysis and coma.

Cerebrospinal fluid frequently xanthochromic is under increased pressure and on standing may form a web and pellicle from which the organism may be demonstrated by smear culture or guinea pig inoculation. Cells and protein are increased but sugar and chloride are decreased.

#### Treatment

##### A. Specific Measures

- 1 Streptomycin 30 mg./Kg. body wt. and dihydrostreptomycin 30 mg./Kg. body wt. per day in divided doses every 6 to 12 hours for 3 months.
  - and 2 Streptomycin 3 mg./Kg. of body wt. (1 mg./lb.) intrathecally daily for 2 weeks every other day for 2 weeks and twice a week for 2 weeks.
  - and 3 Paraaminosalicylic acid 3 to 4 Gm. every 6 hours by mouth or sodium paraaminosalicylate 15 to 30 Gm. daily in 4 or 5 doses for one year.
  - and 4 Isonicotinil hydrazide (isoniazid INH) 3 mg./Kg. body wt. per day divided into 2 or 4 doses for one year.
- B. General Measures. Treat symptoms as they arise and maintain good nutrition and adequate fluids.

### TYPHOID FEVER (code No 910 135)

Typhoid fever is an infection caused by *Escherichia typhosa* and characterized by bacteremia ulceration of the lymphoid tissue of the small intestine and generalized toxemia. The mortality of typhoid fever varies from 5 to 25%. Fluids by individuals do poorly.

#### Disease

The incubation period is 3 to 14 days. A gradual onset of fever and malaise is associated with cough or epistaxis is followed by a period of 3 or more weeks of sustained fever and then gradual defervescence. Rose spots, prostration, relative bradycardia, delirium, and profuse stools may be noted. Leukopenia is the rule. Isolation of the organism from the blood stool or urine or a high or rising titer of agglutinins confirms the diagnosis.

470 Tetanus

- or 2 Chlorotetracycline (Aureomycin®) orally Give 50 mg once the first day 50 mg twice the second day 50 mg 3 times the third day and 0.5 to 1.0 Gm every 8 hours for the following 12 to 14 days Small initial dosage avoids Herxheimer like reaction
- or 3 Chloramphenicol U S P (Chloromycetin®) 60 mg /Kg body wt (27 mg /lb) orally initially then 0.25 Gm every 3 hours until afebrile 7 days
- or 4 Oxytetracycline (Terramycin®) 0.5 Gm every 6 hours for 2 weeks
- or 5 Dihydrostreptomycin 0.5 Gm I M every 6 hours for 2 weeks and sulfadiazine sulfamerazine mixture 3 Gm (45 gr) initially and 1.0 Gm (15 gr) every 6 hours for 2 to 3 weeks

B General Meas res.

- 1 Bed rest during acute febrile stage
- 2 High vitamin intake

Prophylaxis

- A Destruction of infected dairy animals and immunization of susceptible animals
- B Pasteurization of all milk and milk products

GAS GANGRENE (code No 12)

Gas gangrene due to any of several anaerobic Clostridia is an occasional complicating infection of wounds which are soiled with dirt or feces Devitalization of tissue is usually present Fever chills and local swelling are usually seen Gas bubbles in the tissues may be demonstrated by x rays Bacteremia may be present Anaerobic cultures of discharge from the wound or blood confirm the diagnosis

Treatment

- A Specific Measures
  - 1 Penicillin 100 000 units I M every 3 hours
  - and 2 Polyvalent gas gangrene antitoxin 20 000 units at once and repeat every 6 to 8 hours
  - and 3 Full doses of sulfadiazine sulfamerazine mixture (see p 493)
- B Surgical Measures Adequate surgical debridement and exposure of infected areas

TETANUS (code No 010 11x)

Tetanus is a nervous system intoxication caused by fixation of Clostridium tetani toxin which enters through an open wound and infects injured tissues the disease is characterized by tonic contractions of striated muscle

Diagnosis

The incubation period is 5 days to 3 weeks The first symptoms usually are pain and tingling at the site of inoculation which may be an insignificant wound that has become contaminated with

11 This is followed by flaccidity, trismus, stiff neck and extremities and spasms of the abdominal muscles. Rigidity of the neck and sardonicus stiff neck rigid abdominal muscles and hyperflexion are found. Tonic convulsions gradually appear and are precipitated by slight stimulation. The mortality usually occurs within a few hours or on a few days. The incubation period and rate of onset is approximately 48 hours. A long incubation period and the delayed appearance of tonic convulsions are favorable signs.

Treatment: 1. Administer antitoxin 50,000 units I.V. with minimum stimulation. 2. Administer convulsant drugs: a. Bromoethan 1 U.S.P. 15 to 25 mg/Kg body wt orally or 10 to 40 cc rectally. b. Sodium Amytal 5 mg/Kg of body wt (132 gr/lb) orally or 10 to 40 cc rectally. c. Paraldehyde 4 to 6 cc orally or 10 to 40 cc rectally. d. In severe cases, show exposure to 3 Gm orally or 1 to 2 Gm rectally. e. Mephobarbital (Mebaral) may be combined with barbiturates. f. Y (2) 5% solution may be used as required. g. Intravenous fluids as required.

Prophylaxis: 1. Antitoxin 8000 units I.M. in individuals having soiled wounds. 2. Antitoxin 8000 units I.M. in individuals having soiled wounds. 3. Antitoxin 8000 units I.M. in individuals having soiled wounds. 4. Antitoxin 8000 units I.M. in individuals having soiled wounds. 5. Antitoxin 8000 units I.M. in individuals having soiled wounds.

# BOTULISM (code No. D10 120)

Botulism is a food poisoning caused by the ingestion of the toxin of Clostridium botulinum. It is characterized by paralysis of the motor nervous system. The mortality of botulism is 50 per cent. The incubation period is 10 to 15 days. The onset of symptoms is usually within 24 to 48 hours. The symptoms are generally slight at first and gradually become more severe. The symptoms are usually noted in the muscles of the face and neck. The symptoms are usually noted in the muscles of the face and neck. The symptoms are usually noted in the muscles of the face and neck.

1. Symptoms: a. Flaccidity of the muscles. b. Trismus. c. Stiff neck. d. Rigid abdominal muscles. e. Hyperflexion. f. Tonic convulsions. g. Stiff neck. h. Rigid abdominal muscles. i. Hyperflexion. j. Tonic convulsions. k. Stiff neck. l. Rigid abdominal muscles. m. Hyperflexion. n. Tonic convulsions. o. Stiff neck. p. Rigid abdominal muscles. q. Hyperflexion. r. Tonic convulsions. s. Stiff neck. t. Rigid abdominal muscles. u. Hyperflexion. v. Tonic convulsions. w. Stiff neck. x. Rigid abdominal muscles. y. Hyperflexion. z. Tonic convulsions.



#### 474 Relapsing Rat bite Fever

rest for one week should be continued for prolonged periods. Hemolytic anemia should be guarded against by frequent blood counts

or Cloisonicotinic acid hydrazide (isoniazid INH) 5 mg /Kg bod wt per day in 3 or 4 doses

### DISEASES DUE TO SPIROCHETES

#### RELAPSING FEVER

(Louse borne code No 010 1411)

(Tick borne code No 010 1412)

Relapsing fever is characterized by recurring febrile episodes of 3 to 5 days duration following a bite by an infected tick or louse. Diagnosis may be confirmed by demonstration of *Borrelia recurrentis* in the blood on direct examination or by animal inoculation

##### Treatment

###### A Specific Measures

1 Penicillin 50 000 units I M every 3 hours or penicillin procaine 300 000 units I M daily for 10 days

or 2 Chlorotetracycline (Aureomycin®) 0.5 Gm every 6 hours orally

or 3 Chloramphenicol U S I (Chloromycetin®) or oxytetracycline (Terramycin®) may be expected to prove effective

B Supportive and symptomatic measures as needed

#### SPIROCHETAL JAUNDICE (Weill's Disease) (code No 010 142)

Spirochetal jaundice is characterized by severe constitutional symptoms purpuric skin lesions jaundice and nephritis. A history of contact with rats may be obtained (e.g. sewer workers warehousemen). Dark field examination of the blood or urine revealing the *Leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae* or a high titer of specific agglutinins confirms the diagnosis

##### Treatment

###### A Specific Measures

1 Chlorotetracycline (Aureomycin®) 0.5 Gm orally every 6 hours

or 2 Penicillin 100 000 units every 3 hours I M

B Supportive and symptomatic measures as indicated

#### RAT BITE FEVER (Sodoku) (code No 010 134)

Rat bite fever is caused by *Spirillum minus* and is characterized by a recurrent chancre at the site of inoculation accompanied by regional adenitis fever and a macular rash. The fever is episodic and recurrent

##### Treatment

###### A Specific Measures

Vincent's Angina 473

- 1 Penicillin 100 000 units every 3 hours I.M. or penicillin procaine 300 000 units I.M. every 12 hours
- 2 Chl tetra cycline (Aurormycin®) 0.5 Gm. every 6 hours
- 3 5 ppm live and symptomatic measures as indicated

### YAWS (Frambesia) (code No 010 145)

Yaws is an infectious disease produced by *Treponema pertenue* and characterized by granulomatous lesions of skin, mucous membranes and bone. Yaws is rarely fatal.

#### Diagnosis

Yaws is acquired by direct non venereal contact. The mother's painless papule which later ulcerates appears 3 to 4 weeks after exposure. 8 to 12 weeks later similar secondary lesions appear and last for several months or years. Late gummatous lesions may follow. Visceral involvement is rare. The Wassermann and flocculation tests are positive and the spirochetes may be demonstrated by dark field examination.

#### Treatment

- A 1 Penicillin procaine 300 000 units I.M. daily for 7 to 10 days
- 2 Chl tetra cycline (Aurormycin®) 0.5 Gm. every 6 hours for 10 days
- 3 Dithiopyl 100 mg. 4 times daily for 3 to 6 weeks
- 4 General Hygiene, Cleanliness of skin is of utmost importance

#### Prophylaxis

None other than good hygiene

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF UNDETERMINED ETIOLOGY

### VINCENT'S ANGINA (Stomatitis) (code No 010 142)

Vincent's Angina is an ulcerative infection of the oropharynx of doubtful etiology. Fusiform and spirochete infection and herpes simplex virus have been incriminated.

#### Treatment

- A 1 Penicillin procaine 300 000 units I.M. daily for 7 to 10 days
- 2 Penicillin procaine 300 000 units daily I.M. in severe cases
- 3 Chl tetra cycline (Aurormycin®) 0.5 Gm. every 6 hours for 10 days or streptomycin 1 Gm. every 6 hours or tetracycline 500 mg. 4 times daily for 10 days
- 4 General Hygiene, Cleanliness of skin is of utmost importance
- 5 Correction of oral hygiene by a dentist

- 6 X rays may reveal alteration of contour of diaphragm hepatomegaly or right lower chest involvement
- 7 Material ( anchovy paste like) may at times be aspirated from carefully localized abscess mass
- 8 Complement fixation test may help confirm diagnosis
- C Amebiasis of Other Organs Diagnosis is difficult and is possible only by maintaining a high index of suspicion of specific organ involvement (based on clinical manifestations) in patients with known or suspected amebiasis
- D Asymptomatic Amebiasis This diagnosis must be reserved for cases in which routine stool examination reveal cysts of *E. histolytica* but clinical findings (including sigmoidoscopic examination) are completely negative
- E Therapeutic Test A therapeutic trial of anti amebic drugs particularly chloroquine or emetine may be warranted
  - 1 If diagnosis is doubtful after careful investigation and amebiasis (especially hepatic) is clinically suspected
  - 2 If fulminant diarrhea is present and diagnosis is clinically suspected but cannot be established and no other organism can be found

### Treatment

#### A General Measures

- 1 Report case to local health authorities
- 2 Bed rest is required for certain patients those with frank dysentery hepatic or other non enteric involvement and all patients receiving emetine therapy (See below)
- 3 Diet
  - a If diarrhea is present follow the dietary measures as outlined for nonspecific diarrhea (see p 258)
  - b If there is hepatic disease follow the dietary measures outlined under the management of chronic hepatic disease (see p 280)
  - c Iron salts should be given if anemia is present (see p 219)

#### B Acute or Chronic Amebic Dysentery

- 1 Specific drugs In the presence of dysentery it is probably safer to assume that organisms have invaded extra intestinal tissues With this in mind an adequate course of therapy should include not only an agent effective against intestinal forms but also a drug which is effective in the extra intestinal tissues (see table below)

Effectiveness of Anti amebic Drugs

|                            | Against Intestinal<br>Organisms | Against Extra<br>Intestinal Organisms |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Chloroquine                | ±                               | +                                     |
| Emetine                    | ±                               | +                                     |
| Carbarsone and<br>Mijibi ® | +                               |                                       |
| Vioform®                   | +                               |                                       |
| Erythromycin               | +                               | ±                                     |
| Fumagillin                 | +                               | ±                                     |

Combinations of chloroquine (or em line) and an asexual (Carber one or Milibic®) or an iodine-containing compound (Vioform®) are commonly employed. If the organisms prove resistant erythromycin or fumagillin can be tried. Dosages are given below.

- a. Chloroquine Diphosphate U.S.P. 0.5 Gm ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) (or 0.3 Gm. of the base) b.i.d. for 3 days followed by 0.3 Gm. ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) daily for 7 to 10 days.
- b. Em line Hydrochloride Injection U.S.P. B.P. 45 mg (1 gr) daily subcut. for 4 days will control acute dysentery and eradicate infection in 15 per cent of cases. Em line has been replaced by less toxic and equally effective agents such as chloroquine (see above).
- c. Calcium ion U.S.P. B.P. 0.25 Gm ( $3\frac{3}{4}$  gr) i.i.d. orally for 7 to 10 days or Bismuth Glycylarsenate N.N.R. (Milibic®) 0.5 Gm ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) i.i.d. for 7 days.
- d. Iodochlorohydroxyquinoline N.F. (Vioform®) 0.25 Gm ( $3\frac{3}{4}$  gr) i.i.d. daily for 14 days.
- Erythromycin 15 mg per Kg. body weight daily for 10 to 14 days. This antibiotic is effective for the treatment of acute amoebiasis.
- f. Fumagillin 0.5 to 1 mg per Kg. body weight daily for 10 to 14 days. Employed if drug refractive cases of chronic amoebiasis.

3. Evaluation of therapy. Following completion of therapy wait one week and examine stools on three successive days. If still positive repeat above course of treatment and re-examine stools for first four.
- b. If negative give a further three treatments. Re-examine stools at weekly intervals until a total of 12 specimens have been found to be negative.

4. To the reaction of the following antiamoebic drugs: Em line hydrochloride. Control must be used in experimental disease as Nausea vomiting and diarrhea usually appear and prostration may occur.

Special observation and precaution include the following:

- (1) Bed rest without lavatory privilege.
- (2) Blood picture determination b.i.d.
- (3) Pulse determination q.i.d.
- (4) Daily examination of stools.
- (5) E.G. before and after course of therapy.
- (6) Withdraw drug in the event of toxicity.

- b. Aromatic iodine compounds (Carberone Milibic®). Control allocated to therapeutic disease as Nausea vomiting and diarrhea may occur with the majority. Daily inspection for toxic symptoms is necessary. Stop drug in event of toxicity.
- Iodo-chlorohydroxyquinoline (Vioform®). Control allocated to therapeutic disease as Nausea vomiting and diarrhea may occur. Daily observe for toxic effects (uncommon); but necessary. Stop drug in event of toxicity and wait for 10 days before re-examine.

C Hepatic Amebiasis

## 1 Measures for hepatitis

- a Chloroquine Diphosphate N N R (Aralen®) is the drug of choice in hepatic amebiasis since it has proved to be effective in emetine resistant cases and is much less toxic. Like emetine this drug has rather feeble intestinal effects. It is therefore necessary to follow the course of chloroquine with Vioform® carbarsone or one of the antibiotics notably erythromycin or fumagillin (see above).  
Dosage Chloroquine diphosphate 0.5 Gm (7½ gr) (or 0.3 Gm of the base) b i d for 2 days followed by 0.5 Gm (7½ gr) daily for 12 to 19 days.
- or b Emetine hydrochloride injection 80 mg (1 gr) subcut daily for 9 days. If chloroquine is not available or fails to provide a desirable therapeutic effect.
- c Hepatic function tests may determine degree of liver involvement.
- d Erythromycin and fumagillin now under trial may prove to be equally effective against both hepatic and intestinal amebiasis.
- e General supportive measures should be instituted as for infectious hepatitis (see p. 279). A 2 week rest period may be followed by a repeat course of treatment. After the patient has convalesced from his hepatic disease further anti amebic drug therapy might be considered in an effort to eradicate the intestinal infection.

## 2 Measures for liver abscess

- a Treat as for hepatitis (see above). If patient responds to chloroquine or emetine treatment follow up with other amebicides for a period of 2 weeks (see p. 480). A repeat course alternating these drugs may be necessary after a rest period of one week.
- b Small abscess. If patient responds to hepatitis treatment use combined and then alternating courses of chloroquine or emetine and other drug therapy (see above).
- c Large abscess. If patient does not show definite response to emetine or chloroquine treatment.
  - (1) Continue treatment and carefully attempt to localize abscess site by physical and x ray findings. Aspirate under aseptic conditions (preferably operating room) and repeat aspiration if necessary. Avoid open drainage unless abscess is secondarily infected.
  - (2) Continue drug therapy (see above) until evidence of both hepatic and intestinal disease is eradicated.
- d Secondarily infected abscess.
  - (1) If aspirated material reveals pus and organisms (by smear and culture) it may be necessary to establish open drainage (by extra serous approaches).
  - (2) Chemotherapeutic agents should be employed in these cases (see pp. 496-514).
  - (3) Complete course of anti amebic therapy as for hepatitis or liver abscess if indicated (see above).

## 3 Observe for toxic reactions (see p. 481)

D Amebiasis of Other Organs. Specific therapy as for acute or chronic amebic dysentery.

**P Asymptomatic Amebiasis ( Carrier State )**

1 F il co r e Some clinicians feel that amebiasis always has systemic as well as local effects they therefore recommend a full course of therapy for acute or chronic dysentery (see p 480)

2 Simple oral ambulatory treatment is considered satisfactory by other clinicians

a Carbarsone 0.25 Gm ( $3\frac{3}{4}$  gr) t i d orally for 7 days

b Vioform® 0.25 Gm ( $3\frac{3}{4}$  gr) t i d orally for 14 days

c Follow up stool examinations should be performed as for active amebic infection (see p 481)

F llow-up Patients should be followed by clinical and laboratory examinations on at least one occasion each month for 3 to 6 months following therapy. Examination should include sigmoidoscopy and study of fresh stools on 3 successive days (preferably at least 1 following saline catharsis). Repeat examinations should be performed within a year if necessary. Need for chemotherapy must be based upon actual demonstration of amebae rather than mere presence of symptoms (e.g. chronic diarrhea). Consider the possibility of complications of the disease as secondary infection, irritation of bowel from chemotherapy, psychic trauma, etc. when persistent symptoms are not substantiated by laboratory findings. Avoid over-treatment with emetine or other drugs.

**GIARDIASIS (code No 604 135)**

Giardiasis is manifested by recurrent episodes of diarrhea consisting of watery or semi-solid or bulky and often foul smelling stools. A mild catarrhal colitis may occur. The specific diagnosis is made by demonstration of *Giardia lamblia* (intestinales) in the stools.

**Treatment**

A Quinacrine Hydrochloride U.S.P. Mepacrin Hydrochloride B.P. (Atabine®) 0.1 Gm ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) t i d for 5 days

B Repeat stool examination after one week to determine efficacy of treatment. Repeat the treatment if necessary.

**DISEASES DUE TO METAZOA****TRICHINOSIS (code No 255)**

Trichinosis is caused by the ingestion of raw or less properly cooked infected pork. It is also believed to occur in those who have consumed the same kind of food. The incubation period is from 2 days to 4 weeks.

A A nt h e l m i n t i c s May be very mild or may be fatal. The gastroenteric symptoms occur early and are followed after 1 to 3 days by eye, ear, and other involvement.

1 Control the intestinal symptoms. It is very important to control the diarrhea, nausea, constipation.

- 2 Constitutional symptoms Fever chilliness weakness
- 3 Skin Rash periorbital and dependent edema splinter hemorrhages
- 4 Muscles Pain and tenderness in muscles
- 5 C N S May show any central or peripheral neurological involvement headache prominent
- 6 Eosinophilia
- 7 Trichinella skin test Delayed reaction (noted only after 12 to 24 hours) Occurs early in the disease (3rd to 7th day)

#### B Chronic Manifestations

- 1 Vague symptoms Weakness and other symptoms referable to multiple organ systems
- 2 Eosinophilia Often marked
- 3 Trichinella skin test Immediate reaction (noted after 5 minutes) occurs late in the disease (from 17th day on)
- 4 Muscle biopsy may demonstrate organisms

#### Treatment.

- A Supportive and Symptomatic Severe acute cases require hospitalization and excellent nursing care
- B No effective specific therapeutic agent is available
- C Corticotropin (ACTH) and cortisone or hydrocortisone provide effective relief for the acute symptoms of trichinosis. A reduction of the eosinophil count disappearance of fever and splinter hemorrhages if present and a general improvement in the clinical state of the patient are guides which should be employed to determine the efficacy of treatment
  - 1 Acute stage Treat with relatively large doses of either drug for first 24 to 48 hours (see p 423)
  - 2 Subacute stage Therapy may have to be continued for several days or weeks to prevent recurrence of symptoms. The dosage is reduced keeping symptoms under control (see p 423)

### ASCARIASIS OR ROUNDWORM DISEASE (code No 650 241)

Infection with *Ascaris lumbricoides* may cause no symptoms or only ill-defined gastrointestinal and nervous symptoms. Occasionally generalized urticarial reaction may develop rarely ascariasis pneumonia may result. The specific diagnosis is made by finding the worm's eggs or adult worms in stools or vomitus or by observation of the adult worm passing from nose or mouth.

#### Treatment.

##### A Hexylresorcinol U S P (drug of choice for adults)

- 1 Initial purgation Give 30 Gm (1 oz) magnesium sulfate in water or 240 cc (8 oz) of solution of magnesium citrate the night before drug therapy
- 2 A light meal is given the preceding evening and then no further food until at least 5 hours after taking the hexylresorcinol
- 3 Alcohol is contraindicated before and during treatment
- 4 Hexylresorcinol 5 hard gelatin capsules 0.2 Gm (3 gr)

(crystoids) (total 10 Gm. 15 gr.) are given in the morning on an empty stomach. These are to be swallowed whole not chewed. Doses for children: Under 6 yrs. of age 0.4 Gm. (8 gr.) 6 to 8 yrs. 0.6 Gm. (9 gr.) 8 to 12 years 0.8 Gm. (12 gr.)

5 Purgation. Two hours later give 30 Gm. (1 oz.) magnesium sulfate in water to remove the worms from the bowel. Repeat 12 hours later if necessary for purgation.

6 Stool examination should be made one week later on 3 successive days to determine efficacy of treatment.

7 Treatment may be repeated in 3 days if necessary.

B Dithyric rhamarine (H. Traub). Method of choice for the treatment of anemia in children. Give 12 mg. per Kg. body weight once a day for 4 days. Pre-treatment fasting and post-treatment purgation are not necessary.

C Oil of Chenopodium and Trichloroethylene. May be used if hexylresorcinol is useful or not available. Caution. Trichloroethylene stimulates activity of heart and may result in bowel obstruction. A preliminary course of hexylresorcinol is advised before using the combined method.

1 Follow procedure of treatment as mentioned above for hexylresorcinol.

2 Oil of chenopodium 0.3 cc (4½m) apsul and trichloroethylene three 10 cc (15m) soluble gelatin capsules (total dose 3.0 cc 45m) are given together and followed by purgation as mentioned above.

## ANCYLOSTOMIASIS OR BOOKWORM DISEASE

(code No. 650-243)

Most commonly caused by *N. catenaticus* (new world) or *Ancylostoma duodenale*. The diseases occur where there is a sufficient number of the worms are present in the intestine. It is manifested by fatigue, weakness, dyspnea, palpitation, anorexia, perverted appetite, weight loss and a mild microcytic anemia. "Ground itch" as erythematous or maculopapular or vesicular pruritic dermatitis may develop at the site of penetration of the skin by the larvae. The specific diagnosis is made by finding the characteristic eggs in the stool.

Recent work indicates that symptoms are most often due to a coexisting deficiency disease. Correction of the malnutrition by adequate dietary means and of the anemia by the addition of iron appears to alleviate or remove the manifestations in the absence of specific treatment for the bookworm infection.

### TREATMENT

A General Treatment. Estimation of the need for treatment

should be based upon quantitative counts of the eggs in the stools. There is no indication for treating light infections, particularly after completion of previous therapy. It is often possible to completely eradicate the infection.

1 Correct malnutrition. Provide an adequate protein diet with equal secondary iron medication (see p. 118).

2 Relieve possibility of coincidental anemias. B



- 3 Gentian Violet U S P    Crystal Violet B P (4 hour enteric coated tablets) 1 mg per lb body weight divided into 3 daily doses a c Administer daily for 8 days follow with a rest period of 8 days and then administer again for another 8 days

**TAPEWORM INFECTIONS (code No 604 261)**  
(Pork Beef Fish Dwarf or more rarely Dog or Rat Tapeworms)

Diagnosis

- A History of consumption of raw or incompletely cooked pork beef fresh water fish or other contaminated food  
B Acute Phase (usually after a long incubation period of 3 to 4 months) Diarrhea fever leukocytosis and eosinophilia  
C Chromi Phase Vague gastrointestinal and C N S symptoms mild to severe anemia and presence of gravid proglottids in feces or on underclothing  
D Specific Diagnosis

| Species and Source                   | Best Demonstrated By  |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Taenia saginata</i> (beef)        | Gravid proglottids in feces (occasionally by eggs in feces) |
| <i>Taenia solium</i> (pork)          |   |
| <i>Dipylidium caninum</i> (dog)      |   |
| <i>Diphyllobothrium latum</i> (fish) | Eggs in feces   |
| <i>Hymenolepis nana</i> (dwarf)      |   |
| <i>Hymenolepis diminuta</i> (rat)    |   |

Treatment

A Specific Measures

- 1 Quinacrine Hydrochloride U S P    Mepacrine Hydrochloride B P (Atabrine®)  
a On day preceding treatment patient eats a light low residue lunch and supper  
b Sodium sulfate or magnesium sulfate 15 to 30 Gm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  1 oz) cathartic the night before treatment  
c On morning of treatment omit breakfast Give pheno barbital 30 to 80 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) depending upon the weight and age of the patient One hour later administer two 0.1 Gm ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  gr) tablets of quinacrine hydrochloride every 5 minutes with a glass of water containing  $\frac{1}{2}$  tea spoon of sodium bicarbonate until 8 tablets have been given  
d Sodium sulfate or magnesium sulfate 15 to 30 Gm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  1 oz) in water is given two hours following therapy to rid the intestine of the parasite No food should be permitted until the bowels move copiously  
e The patient should have his evacuations in a basin of warm water to facilitate procurement and identification of the head and proglottids Toilet paper should be disposed of separately Examine all stools passed during the next 24 hours in order to recover the worm head for proof of complete eradication  
f Repeat course of treatment after 7 days if necessary

- 2 Hexylresorcinol U S P  
a 10 Gm (15 gr) dissolved in 20 cc water introduced into the duodenum by a tube Follow in two hours with sodium sulfate or magnesium sulfate per Exam stools for head of worm  
b Crystoids antihelminthic as administered in ascariasis (p 484) is the drug of choice for the treatment of Hymenol plis nana (dwarf tapeworm) infections  
3 Aspidium Gleos U S P Extract of Male Fern B P  
a Contraindications Severe cardiac hepatic or renal disease constipation acute or chronic gastroenteritis febrile states pregnancy and infancy  
b Semi starvation fat free diet for 24 to 48 hours prior to drug therapy Lunch and supper should be omitted on the day before treatment Alcohol is contraindicated  
c Magnesium sulfate or sodium sulfate 15 to 30 Gm (12 to 100) in water is given at 6-00 p m the night before and again in the morning before administering the drug  
d A pipidimol oressin 50 gr Lax  
A saline 66 gr c  
Distilled water q s d 600 311  
Give half this solution at about 7 00 a m orally by duodenal tube and an hour later give the remaining half  
e Magnesium sulfate or sodium sulfate 15 to 30 Gm (12 to 100) in water is given again 2 to 3 hours after the second dose of a pipidimol in order to rid the intestine of the parasite as well as the drug Give a soap suds enema 2 hours after the second cathartic A food should be permitted until the bowels move copiously  
f Repeat one of treatments in not less than 7 days if necessary

## SYSTEMIC MYCOSES

Myotic infections are caused by variety of fungi and have a wide geographic distribution Although their incidence is rather low in most parts of the world some of them occur quite commonly in certain localities  
Coccidioidomycosis is the San Joaquin Valley of California  
The clinical manifestations are exceedingly variable with some resembling the granulomatous disease

### COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS (code No. 012 318) (Pulmonary code No 360 318)

Coccidioidomycosis or Valley Fever is an infection due to Coccidioides immitis which is found in the Southwest United States Mexico Central and South America with periodic epidemics in Italy and Hawaii  
The fungus grows in the trunk and lungs and may spread through the lymphatic system and produce lesions of the lungs during the primary disease

shows patchy soft infiltration as this clears residual nodular shadows may persist. Thin walled cavities with little surrounding infiltration may develop and remain for months. The sedimentation rate is elevated. Organisms may be found in the sputum by culture and the skin test may be positive after 10 to 14 days. Complement fixation and precipitin tests are helpful in establishing a diagnosis and may aid in determining the progress of infection.

- B Chronic or Granulomatous Form. 0.2 per cent of all primary cases progress to the granulomatous stage involving the lungs, chest wall or other structures. In the granulomatous stage the finding of the organisms in infected tissue or in the discharge from the lesions makes the diagnosis. Prognosis in this form is poor.

### Treatment.

No specific therapy is known for either form of the disease.

- A Primary Form. Bed rest and symptomatic care until process has subsided.
- B Chronic Form. Treatment entirely symptomatic. Potassium iodide is of no value and may even be dangerous.

ACTINOMYCOSIS (Regional code No 0 202)

NOCARDIOSIS (Pulmonary code No 360 201)

Actinomycosis is world wide in distribution and is caused by an anaerobic actinomyce. *Actinomyces bovis*. Nocardiosis is caused by a variety of aerobic types belonging to the genus *Nocardia* (e.g. *N. asteroides*, *N. madrae*).

### Diagnosis

- A Actinomycosis. The principal lesions are multiple abscesses, sinuses and fistulous tracts which discharge a sanguino-purulent material containing sulfur granules. Any region of the body may be infected but the head and neck are most frequently involved in which case very little systemic reaction occurs. The abdominal viscera may be involved by way of the intestinal tract or the lungs, pleura and chest by way of the respiratory tract. In the latter two forms there may be symptoms referable to the system affected accompanied by chills and fever. The finding of the typical sulfur granule in the lesion is diagnostic.
- B Nocardia infections may resemble classical actinomycosis with the production of characteristic granules or produce a pseudotuberculous involvement of the lungs and pleura with extension at times to brain and meninges. Various species of *Nocardia* cause infections of the subcutaneous tissues with bone involvement (mycetoma).

### Treatment.

- A Actinomycosis. The treatment of actinomycosis must frequently be continued for weeks or months.

1. Penicillin is the drug of choice. An initial dose of 120,000 units should be followed by 80,000 units every 4 hours. The



- B Stilbamidine has proved to be quite effective in the treatment of cutaneous and systemic blastomycosis. Dose is 10 to 200 mg daily not exceeding 2 to 3 mg /Kg daily. It is given slowly I V in 5% glucose in water or in saline. A course of 30 days may be required. This drug has to be employed with caution since it is toxic and frequently produces a neuropathy especially of the fifth nerve. A related drug 2 hydroxystilbamidine has been used successfully on patients infected with B. derma tidis. It fortunately does not produce peripheral neuropathy.
- C X ray therapy may be used as an adjunct in the cutaneous cases. The systemic forms are rather resistant to treatment and progress in spite of therapy.

### HISTOPLASMOSIS (code No. 010 218)

Histoplasmosis is caused by *Histoplasma capsulatum* a small yeast like organism in tissue and a mold like fungus in culture. It has a world wide distribution. It primarily involves the reticulo endothelial system causing enlargement of the liver, spleen and lymph nodes and systemic manifestations of fever, anemia and leukopenia. However other systems may be involved. Patients from endemic areas often have pulmonary calcifications, negative tuberculin tests and positive histoplasma skin tests.

#### Treatment.

None known

### MONILIASIS

(Pulmonary code No 360 209)

{ Thrush of Mouth code No 610 209)

Moniliasis is an infection caused by *Candida albicans* which usually affects the mucous membranes of the mouth and vagina and the skin and nails. It may rarely involve the lungs and meninges. The diagnosis of the pulmonary form may be difficult. Cough and scanty sputum are most common findings. x ray appearance is similar to that of tuberculosis but tubercle bacilli cannot be demonstrated in the sputum. One must demonstrate the constant presence of *Candida albicans* before the diagnosis can be entertained. However the organism may occur as a normal habitant of the throat so great care must be taken in making the diagnosis of pulmonary moniliasis.

#### Treatment.

- A Oral Infection. Alkaline mouth washes. Topical application of gentian violet diluted 1:10,000 in 10 per cent alcohol for 4 to 5 days.
- B Vaginal Infection. Alkaline douches, douches of potassium permanganate 1:5000 or gentian violet 1:10,000 propionate vaginal jelly.
- C Cutaneous Infections. Soak involved parts twice daily in 1:2000 potassium permanganate for 30 minutes. Follow with 1 per cent gentian violet paint in 15 per cent alcohol.

## CRYPTOCOCCOSIS OR TORULOSIS

(Of Skin code No 110 21x) (Meningitis code No 910 21x)

Cryptococcosis involves chiefly the skin and central nervous system but may invade other structures. It is world wide in distribution and is caused by *Cryptococcus neoformans* (*Torula histolytica*). The cutaneous lesions are pustules, granulomatous ulcers or nodules. Meningeal involvement is the usual central nervous system lesion. The disease is usually mistaken for tuberculous meningitis if the organisms are not found.

Treatment

None other than symptomatic

## IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES

Biologicals for immunization purposes are gradually being modified and concentrated. The schedules below do not apply to all preparations; follow the manufacturer's instructions which accompany the preparation.

Children

## 1 During first year

- a Uncombined method. Pertussis vaccine (20 billion organisms per cc) subcut injections of 1 cc, 2 cc, and 2 cc at one month intervals beginning at 2 to 3 months of age. Diphtheria tetanus toxoid (alum or aluminhydroxide) subcut injections of 0.5, 1.0, and then 1.0 cc at one month intervals beginning at 6 months of age and smallpox vaccination at 6 months to 1 year of age. Repeat if a rash does not occur.

- or b Combined method. Diphtheria pertussis tetanus (combined) subcut injections of 0.5, 1.0, and then 1.0 cc at one month intervals starting at 2 to 6 months of age and smallpox vaccination as with uncombined method.

- 2 At two years. Schick test and booster dose of diphtheria pertussis tetanus mixture 1.0 cc by subcut injection.

- 3 At school age. Repeat procedure as for two years and do vaccination (repeat if a rash does not occur).

Adults

Adults traveling to foreign countries should obtain a list of required immunizations when applying for passports. Those living in endemic areas should maintain their immunization.

- 1 Smallpox vaccination. Repeat every 5 years or on exposure.
- 2 Typhoid (or typhoid paratyphoid) vaccine (1 billion organisms per cc) 0.5, 1.0, and then 1.0 cc by subcut injection at weekly intervals. Repeat series every 3 years.
- 3 Yellow fever vaccine (Africa, South America) 0.5 cc subcut.
- 4 Typhus vaccine (C type) (Europe, Africa, Australia, South America, and Mexico) 1.0 cc subcut repeat at 7 to 10 days later for total of 2 doses. Repeat 1.0 cc every 4 to 6 months.
- 5 Cholera vaccine (Asia, Near East, East India) 0.5 and then 1.0 cc every 6 to 8 months.

- 6 Plague vaccine (2 billion organisms per cc) (Egypt Asia East Indies) 0.5 and 1.0 cc subcut at interval of 7 to 10 days
- 7 Tetanus toxoid 1.0 cc subcut repeated at 30 and 60 days for total of 3 doses. Booster injection of 1.0 cc 1 year later and on injury
- 8 Diphtheria immunization in adults who are Schick positive is frequently followed by severe local and general reactions. A M'Aloney test (0.1 cc of 1:20 dilution of fluid toxoid) should be applied intradermally. If negative 0.5, 1.0 and then 1.0 cc subcut may be given at monthly intervals. If positive inject intradermally 0.1 cc of 1:10 dilution of toxoid at 3 to 4 week intervals for 3 doses.

## SENSITIVITY TESTS AND DESENSITIZATION

### Sensitivity Tests

Before injecting antitoxin or similar other material derived from animal sources always perform the following two tests for sensitivity

- A Intradermal Test. Inject 0.1 cc of a 1:10 dilution of the anti toxin intradermally into the skin of the flexor surface of the forearm. A positive test is manifested within 30 minutes by the occurrence of a large wheal and surrounding areola.
- B Conjunctival Test. Instill 1 drop of a 1:10 dilution of the anti toxin into the conjunctival sac of one eye as a test dose and 1 drop of physiological saline in the other eye as a control. A positive test is indicated by conjunctival injection, itching and edema occurring within 30 minutes.

### Interpretation of Sensitivity Tests

- A Negative Tests. If both tests are negative no desensitization is necessary and a full dose of the antitoxin may be given.
- B Positive Test. If one or both of the tests are positive desensitization is necessary. Proceed as below.

### Desensitization

#### A Precautionary Measures

- 1 Antihistaminic drug should be administered before beginning desensitization in order to lessen any reaction that might occur (see p. 86).
- 2 Epinephrine U.S.P. Adrenaline B.P. 0.5 to 1.0 cc (8-15%) of a 1:1000 solution must be ready in a syringe for immediate administration.

#### B Desensitization Method. The following plan may be used in desensitization. Give doses I.M. at 30 minute intervals and observe closely for reactions.

|          |                        |                              |                    |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1st dose | 0.1 cc (1:10 dilution) | 7th dose                     | 1.0 cc (undiluted) |
| 2nd dose | 0.2 cc (1:10 dilution) | 8th and subsequent doses     |                    |
| 3rd dose | 0.5 cc (1:10 dilution) | 1.0 cc (undiluted) every     |                    |
| 4th dose | 0.1 cc (undiluted)     | 30 minutes until the total   |                    |
| 5th dose | 0.2 cc (undiluted)     | amount of antitoxin is given |                    |
| 6th dose | 0.5 cc (undiluted)     |                              |                    |

Treatment of Reactions

- A If mild reaction occurs drop back to the next lower dose and continue with the desensitization. If severe reaction occurs administer epinephrine as mentioned below and discontinue the antitoxin unless this treatment is urgently needed. Should desensitization be imperative continue slowly using more gradual increases of the antitoxin.
- B If manifestations of a severe reaction appear give 0.5 to 1.0 cc (8-15 M) of epinephrine subcutaneous at once. The symptoms include urticaria, angioneurotic edema, dyspnea, coughing, choking or shock. Maintain close observation of the patient and repeat epinephrine as necessary.



## CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS

The sulfonamide drugs and the antibiotics penicillin streptomycin chlortetracycline (Aureomycin®) chloramphenicol (Chloromycetin®) oxytetracycline (Terramycin®) tetracycline bacitracin polymyxin neomycin and erythromycin are powerful agents affecting a wide variety of pathogens. Each however has a definite and limited antimicrobial spectrum and beneficial effects can be obtained only in infections due to those organisms included in the spectrum. *Etiological diagnosis in infections is of paramount importance.*

Indiscriminate use of antibacterial agents is wasteful may lead to a false sense of security by doing something and may cause serious toxic effects. The sulfonamide drugs in particular are potentially dangerous agents and should be reserved for certain specific functions.

Certain chemotherapeutic agents e. g. penicillin and streptomycin may exert synergistic activity in infections notably those due to *Streptococcus fecalis*. On the other hand it has been shown in the laboratory that penicillin is antagonized by chloramphenicol chlortetracycline and oxytetracycline when the infecting organism is penicillin sensitive. The clinical importance of this antagonism is not known. At any rate the use of two or more antibiotics in combination is probably best avoided except under careful laboratory control.

### Indications for Use of Chemotherapeutic Agents

- 1 Against an infection due to a proved pathogen known to be susceptible to the proposed drug (e. g. subacute bacterial endocarditis due to *Streptococcus viridans* which is susceptible to penicillin)
- 2 Against an infection wherein a susceptible etiological agent may be reasonably assumed from the clinical picture to be present (e. g. lobar pneumonia due to a *Pneumococcus*)
- 3 As an attempted lifesaving measure against infections of obscure etiology. *This category should be sharply limited.*
- 4 As prophylaxis against potential invaders (e. g. during and following tooth extraction in patients with valvular heart disease to prevent subacute bacterial endocarditis)

## SULFONAMIDE DRUGS

The sulfonamide drugs are substituted derivatives of sulfanilamide. Newer derivatives have wider antibacterial spectra and more desirable pharmacological properties than the older sulfonamides. Since the activity of any sulfonamide compound may be predicted on the basis of certain physicochemical principles, it is evident that maximal antibacterial effectiveness has been approximated by sulfamazine, sulfamerazine, sulfamethazine and sulfisoxazole (Gantacin®) and the use of older sulfonamides is rarely if ever warranted.

### Indications and Antibacterial Spectrum (See table on p. 314)

The sulfonamide drugs have a wide but still limited range of activity against pathogenic agents. At the present time the sulfonamides are the therapeutic agents of choice only in meningococcal infections (Nisseria meningitidis).

- A Except for the infection mentioned above, the sulfonamides should be used as alternate or additional agents to one of the antibiotics against infections of known susceptibility.
- B Promizol® Promizole® and Diasone® are members of the sulfonamide group which show promise within a limited area and are usually used in addition to other agents against the following pathogens:
  - 1 Mycobacterium tuberculosis
  - 2 Mycobacterium leprae

### Absorption

The sulfonamides are poorly absorbed from the stomach but are readily absorbed from the small and large intestines. Peak blood concentrations are reached in from 3 (sulfanilamide) to 8 hours (sulfamerazine) following a single oral dose. The sodium salts are rapidly absorbed from intramuscular or subcutaneous sites.

### Distribution

- A Distribution Through Body and into Body Fluids The sulfonamides are rapidly distributed throughout the body and readily find their way into exudates, transudates, saliva, gastric and intestinal secretions, pancreatic juice, milk, cervical and prostatic secretions, amniotic fluid and fetal blood. Sulfadiazine and sulfamerazine enter the cerebrospinal fluid and excretion is approximately one-half the plasma concentration.
- B A Binding of Plasma Protein in Sulfonamides Approximately one-half of the sulfonamide in the blood is bound to plasma proteins and is inactive. About 10 to 20 per cent is excreted by the liver and also is therapeutically inactive.

### Excretion

- A Excretion in the Urinary System The sulfonamides are almost entirely excreted by the kidney. The rate of excretion depends on the rate of urine flow rather than the plasma level. Tubular reabsorption of 70 to 80 per cent occurs. Impaired renal function may result in dangerously high blood concentrations and may be anticipated by means of the phenolphthalein

(P S P) test Sulfanilamide is excreted most rapidly and sulfamerazine most slowly necessitating less frequent administration

- B Solubility Factors in Excretion The sulfonamides and their acetyl derivatives are more soluble in alkaline than in acid urine hence alkalization together with increasing urine output prevents precipitation of the drugs in the urinary tract Since each sulfonamide is soluble in the urine independently of the presence of any other the simultaneous administration of fractional doses of two or more sulfonamides further lessens the likelihood of precipitation while still permitting an effective blood level of combined sulfonamides Sulfisoxazole (Gantisin®) is highly soluble in the urine

### Mode of Action.

- A Bacteriostatic Activity (Not Bactericidal) The sulfonamides are bacteriostatic and depend on body defense mechanisms for final destruction of the pathogenic agents
- B Bacteriostasis Occurs by Interference with Growth and Division. The sulfonamides act against bacteria by reason of their structural similarity to para aminobenzoic acid (PABA) which is an essential substrate for certain necessary enzyme activities of bacteria The sulfonamide molecule when in excess of para aminobenzoic acid is substituted for the natural *substrate of the enzyme system and thus renders the organism incapable of growth and multiplication*
- C Natural and Acquired Resistance to Sulfonamide Bacteria may be naturally resistant to the action of sulfonamides by reason of being able to synthesize para aminobenzoic acid (PABA) or may acquire resistance when allowed to exist in a low concentration of sulfonamide In this instance only individual organisms best able to synthesize PABA survive and multiply
- D Neutralizing Effect of Para aminobenzoic Acid (PABA) in Sulfonamide Therapy PABA is a fraction of vitamin B complex and will compete with the sulfonamides in the enzyme activity of the bacteria and so interfere with the antibacterial effects of the sulfonamides Large amounts of crude B complex or liver extract should not be given to patients under sulfonamide therapy Procaine and certain other local anesthetics are esters of PABA and may exert local anti sulfonamide activity PABA should be included in culture media used to isolate organisms from patients receiving sulfonamides so that the drug present in the body fluid which is cultured may not alter the true bacteriological picture Exudates and other substances which promote bacterial growth inhibit sulfonamide activity

### Blood Levels.

Under most circumstances effective blood levels will be maintained by following standard dosage recommendations Insufficient blood levels may be followed by development of sulfonamide resistance by the infecting organism Since urine concentrations are 10 to 20 times that of the blood the dosage in urinary tract infections unaccompanied by marked tissue invasion or bacteremia may be

- A Blood Levels of Sulfonamide Should Be Determined Under the Following Circumstances

- 1 Repeated parenteral administration
- 2 Lack of expected therapeutic effect
- 3 Unusually high doses
- 4 If renal insufficiency is suspected known

#### B Optimal Levels (Blood)

|               |           |               |           |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Sulf diazine  | 8-15 mg % | Sulfanilamide | 8-15 mg % |
| Sulfamazine   | 8-15 mg % | Sulf pyridine | 3-10 mg % |
| Sulf thiazole | 3-7 mg %  |               |           |

#### Dosage and Methods of Administration

##### A Oral

##### 1 Adults

##### a Most infections

- (1) Initial dose 2 to 4 Gm (30-60 g) of one of the sulfonamides or of a mixture of sulfonamides
- (2) Maintenance dose

(a) 0.5 Gm (7½ g) each of sulfadiazine and sulfamerazine every 6 hours (preferred method) or (b) 1.0 Gm (15 g) of sulfisoxazole (Gantrel) every 8 hours

or (c) 0.33 Gm (5 gr) each of sulfamazine and sulfathiazole every 4 to 6 hours or (d) 1 Gm (15 g) of sulfanilamide If pyridine

or (e) 1 Gm (15 gr) of sulfadiazine every 4 to 6 hours or (f) 1 Gm (15 gr) of sulfamerazine every 6 to 8 hours

b Urinary tract infections 0.5 to 1.0 Gm (7½-15 g) of one of the sulfonamides or of a mixture of sulfonamides every 4 to 8 hours

Prophylaxis of streptococcal infections 0.5 Gm (7½ g) of one of the sulfonamides or of a mixture of sulfonamides twice daily

c Intestinal infection Initial dose of 0.05 Gm (¾ gr) /lb body wt (0.11 Gm (Kg) of sulfadiazine or Sulfamerazine and followed by 0.025 Gm (⅓ gr) /lb body wt (0.055 Gm /Kg) every 4 hours

d Leprosy and tuberculous (relapsed) (1) Promin® 4 cc (1 d) daily I.V. for 3 weeks the first one week and repeated as frequently as needed

or (2) Promisole® 1 to 2 Gm (15-30 g) daily by mouth divided dose

##### 2 Children

##### a Most infections

- (1) Initial dose 0.02 Gm (½ g) /lb body wt (0.045 Gm /Kg) of one of the sulfonamides or a mixture of sulfonamides
- (2) Maintenance dose

(a) 0.005 Gm (1/20 gr) /lb body wt (0.01 Gm /Kg) each of sulfadiazine and sulfamerazine every 6 hours (preferred method) or (b) 0.01 Gm (1/10 gr) /lb body wt (0.02 Gm /Kg) of sulfisoxazole (Gantrel) every 8 hours

or (c) 0.0033 Gm (1/300 gr) /lb body wt (0.007 Kg) each of sulfadiazine and sulfamerazine every 4 hours

- or (d) 0.01 Gm ( $\frac{1}{8}$  gr) /lb body wt (0.02 Gm /Kg) sulfanilamide sulfapyridine or sulfathiazole every 4 hours
- or (e) 0.01 Gm ( $\frac{1}{8}$  gr) /lb body wt (0.02 Gm /Kg) of sulfadiazine every 4 to 8 hours
- or (f) 0.01 Gm ( $\frac{1}{8}$  gr) /lb body wt (0.02 Gm /Kg) of sulfamerazine every 8 to 8 hours
- b Urinary tract infections 0.003 to 0.01 Gm ( $\frac{1}{12}$   $\frac{1}{8}$  gr) /lb body wt (0.01 to 0.02 Gm /Kg) of any of the sulfonamides or of a mixture of sulfonamides every 4 to 8 hours
- c Prophylaxis of streptococcal infections 0.005 Gm ( $\frac{1}{12}$  gr) /lb body wt (0.01 Gm /Kg) of any of the sulfonamides or of a mixture of sulfonamides twice daily
- d Intestinal infections Initial dose of 0.05 Gm ( $\frac{3}{4}$  gr) /lb body wt (0.11 Gm /Kg) of sulfaguanidine or Sulfasuxidine® followed by 0.05 Gm ( $\frac{3}{8}$  gr) /lb body wt (0.055 Gm /Kg) every 4 hours
- e Leprosy and tuberculosis (oral and I.V. doses)
  - (1) Promin® 0.5 to 0.6 cc (8 min  $\frac{3}{4}$  dr) daily I.V. for 3 weeks then rest one week and repeat course as frequently as needed
  - or (2) Promisole® 0.25 to 0.6 Gm ( $\frac{3}{4}$  to 15 gr) every 6 hours orally

## B Intramuscular, Intravenous

### 1 Adults

- a Initial dose of 3 to 5 Gm (45 to 75 gr) of any sulfonamide (sodium salt) except sulfanilamide followed by 2 to 3 Gm (30 to 45 gr) every 6 to 12 hours (optimal interval to be determined by blood level just before second dose and occasionally thereafter)
- b Diluent may be physiological saline solution Ringer's solution  $\frac{1}{6}$  molar sodium lactate solution or Ringer's lactate solution
- c Concentration ideally approximately 0.5 per cent but may be as high as 5 per cent
- 2 Children As in adults Initial dose 0.03 to 0.05 Gm ( $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{3}{4}$  gr) /lb body wt (0.066 to 0.11 Gm /Kg) of any of the sulfonamides except sulfanilamide followed by 0.015 to 0.03 Gm ( $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) /lb body wt (0.033 to 0.066 Gm /Kg) every 6 to 12 hours

## Toxicity and Management

### A Toxic Reactions

- 1 Mild Continue therapy if necessary Symptoms include nausea vomiting headache dizziness crystalluria
- 2 Moderate Stop therapy unless continuation is essential to life Symptoms include fever rash stomatitis conjunctivitis arthritis diarrhea microhematuria psychosis
- 3 Severe Stop therapy and push fluids Symptoms include granulocytopenia hemolytic anemia aplastic anemia thrombocytopenia hepatitis exfoliative dermatitis severe hematuria oliguria leukemoid reaction

- B Allergic Reactions A considerable percentage of individuals who have previously received sulfonamides especially for more than 7 days become sensitized and may develop

Immediate and severe reactions on readministration. Fever, angioneurotic edema, urticarial and other rashes, and periarthritis nodosa may occur.

History of previous administration should be obtained. Cross sensitivity to various sulfonamides may exist. Severe symptoms may be avoided by giving a test dose of 0.5 Gm (7½ gr) and observing for 6 hours.

#### C Precautions

- 1 Hemoglobin determination and white blood cell count every other day. Differential if WBC is less than 6000. Discontinue sulfonamides if granulocyte count is less than 50%.
- 2 Daily fresh urine for pH (use nitrazine paper) and sediment. Increase alkali (sodium bicarbonate) if pH is less than 7.0. Discontinue drug if red blood cells are found in urine (see above). Increase urine output if less than 1500 cc per day or crystalluria occurs (must be examined for in a fresh specimen).
- 3 Daily observation of patient for drug fever, rash, jaundice, nausea, vomiting, etc.

#### Contraindications to Sulfonamides

- 1 History of previous severe reaction.
- 2 Renal insufficiency (Very small doses may be used with caution).
- 3 Live damage (Proceed with caution if essential).
- 4 Heart failure (If sulfonamides are absolutely necessary, substitute potassium bicarbonate for sodium bicarbonate as alkalinizing agent).

## PARA AMINO SALICYLIC ACID (PAS)

Para amino salicylic acid (PAS) and its sodium salt have been found to exert considerable tuberculostatic activity. Tubercle bacilli resistant to streptomycin may be susceptible to PAS, and vice versa. The simultaneous administration of PAS and streptomycin delays the emergence of strains of tubercle bacilli resistant to the latter. In addition to the bacteriostatic effect, a diuretic activity is present.

PAS is absorbed readily from the gastrointestinal tract. Peak serum concentrations are reached in 30 to 60 minutes and minimum levels are again reached in 4 hours. PAS may be administered intravenously and subcutaneously.

#### Dosage

- Adult 2 to 3 Gm (30-45 gr) every 6 hours  
Prevention 15 Gm in 3% solution given in 2 doses 4 hours apart  
Child 5 mg of heparin should be added to each liter

#### Toxicity

Severe vomiting, diarrhea, drug fever, dermatitis, crystaluria, hematuria, and hypoprothrombinemia may be observed. Gastrointestinal symptoms may apparently be avoided by parenteral administration of sodium PAS.

## ISONIAZID (INH)

Isoniazid (INH) and related compounds possess considerable tuberculostatic activity. *Cross resistance* to streptomycin and PAS does not exist. Bacterial resistance to INH develops rapidly. INH is readily absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract and distributed throughout the body fluids including the cerebrospinal fluid.

Dosage

Isoniazid 3 to 5 mg (120 1/2 gr) /Kg body weight per day divided into 2 or 3 doses and given orally.

Toxicity

Constipation, difficulty at micturition, increased reflexes, postural hypotension and dizziness, eosinophilia, slight anemia, occasional casts and trace of albumin in the urine, reducing substances in the urine.

## PENICILLIN

Penicillin is prepared from the cultural products of the molds *Penicillium notatum* and *Penicillium chrysogenum*. The commercially available preparations are crystalline sodium, calcium, potassium, and procaine salts of penicilloic acid.

Four types of penicillin, F, G, X, and K are produced by the mold. Commercial penicillin is principally penicillin G. Penicillin X, which occurs only in small amounts, exhibits a slightly different range of antibacterial activity. Penicillin K becomes bound to serum protein and is relatively inactive therapeutically.

The Oxford and International units of penicillin are measured in comparison to the bacterial inhibitory power of a standard penicillin. Crystalline sodium penicillin contains approximately 1500 units per milligram. Dried crystalline penicillin retains its potency indefinitely, but watery solutions may deteriorate, especially when not refrigerated.

Indications and Antibacterial Spectrum (See table, p. 514)

Penicillin exerts bacteriostatic and bactericidal activity against a wide variety of pathogenic agents, but the susceptibility of these agents to penicillin may vary considerably. Clinical response of infections may be predicted with fair accuracy by means of *in vitro* sensitivity tests of the infecting organism. This procedure should be performed when expected therapeutic response does not occur or in the case of infections due to organisms such as *Staphylococci* or *Streptococcus fecalis*, many strains of which are naturally resistant to penicillin.

Penicillin is indicated when infection with an organism known to be generally susceptible is diagnosed or presumed. Hence one treats a specific infection, not a disease, e.g., pneumococcal pneumonia, not pneumonia; streptococcal pharyngitis, not acute pharyngitis. For specific indications, see under disease in question.

Mod. of Action, Resistance

Penicillin is both bacteriostatic and bactericidal. Its exact

mode of action is not known but in some way it apparently interferes with the reproductive process of organisms.

Certain organisms produce penicillinase which inhibits penicillin activity. This may occur naturally as in the case of *E. coli* and some strains of staphylococci or may be an acquired characteristic of once susceptible organisms existing in sublethal concentrations of penicillin. Those variants of the original organism which were naturally resistant survive and multiply while the susceptible organisms are destroyed. Acquired penicillin resistance is not commonly encountered clinically.

#### Absorption, Distribution, Excretion

A. Absorption Penicillin in watery solution is rapidly absorbed when administered intravenously or intramuscularly and somewhat more slowly absorbed after subcutaneous injection. The peak concentration in the blood is reached immediately after intravenous injection and within one hour after intramuscular injection. Blood levels persist for from 2 to 3 hours after doses of less than 50,000 units intramuscularly and somewhat longer with larger doses. Penicillin produces appreciable measurable serum concentrations for 12 to 48 hours and for 96 hours when combined with 2% aluminum monostearate. Benzathine penicillin may produce measurable serum concentration for one month after injection of 600,000 to 1,200,000 units. With all repository forms maximum serum concentrations tend to be lower than with aqueous solutions and so are not appropriate where high serum concentration is desirable. Penicillin while not absorbed from the stomach is absorbed readily from the small intestine. Approximately 5 times the intramuscular dose must be given to produce comparable blood levels. Acids and buffers tend to decrease the destructive effect of gastric juice and absorption is best when the stomach is empty. Penicillin is poorly absorbed from the rectum and inconsistently absorbed from the vagina.

The concentration of penicillin in serum and other body fluids may be measured by various bioassay methods. Determination of blood levels and comparison with the in vitro sensitivity of the organism are useful in infections due to resistant organisms.

B. Distribution Penicillin is distributed throughout the body fluids but penetrates the joint, pleura, peritoneum and subarachnoid space irregularly. Penetration is more likely to occur if inflammation exists. Penicillin G diethylaminoethyl salt hydrochloride (code name penicillin V) persists in higher concentrations than penicillin G in the lungs and sputum. Penicillin persists in the tissues for a considerable time after it has disappeared from the blood, hence continuous blood levels are not necessary in most infections. Organisms exposed to penicillin do not multiply for considerable time after exposure.

C. Excretion Penicillin is excreted principally in the urine 80% of urinary excretion is tubular and may be partly blocked by such agents as caronamide, para-aminosalicylic acid, Dacarbazine and Beremide.



PreparationsA Commercially Available Preparations Include

- 1 Crystalline penicillin (sodium potassium salts)
- 2 Penicillin procaine in oil
- 3 Penicillin procaine in oil with 2% aluminum monostearate
- 4 Penicillin procaine in aqueous suspension (may be combined with crystalline penicillin sodium)
- 5 Penicillin tablets with or without buffers and bindings (50 000 to 200 000 units per tablet) and benzathacil penicillin suspension (60 000 units per cc) for oral use
- 6 Penicillin powder for insufflation (50 000 units per cartridge)
- 7 Penicillin in ointments in various bases (general and ophthalmic) (500 2000 units per gram)
- 8 Penicillin G diethylaminoethyl ester hydrochloride (estopen Neo penit®) 500 000 units per cc

B Strength of Solutions and Suspensions

- 1 Crystalline penicillin is generally given in a concentration of 10 000 units per cc but may be much more concentrated
- 2 Penicillin for subarachnoid injection should not be more concentrated than 1000 units per cc
- 3 Penicillin procaine complex in aqueous suspension may be prepared in concentration of 300 000 1 200 000 units per cc

Dosage and Methods of Administration

A Intermittent Intramuscular. Penicillin in aqueous solution may be given in doses of 5000 to several million units every 3 hours intramuscularly. This remains the method of choice in most severe acute infections. In many infections equally good results may be obtained by administration of 100 000 to 300 000 units every 12 hours intramuscularly. Intramuscular injection of 300 000 to 600 000 units of penicillin procaine may be given every 24 hours. Penicillin procaine in oil with 2% aluminum monostearate produces measurable blood levels which may persist as long as 96 hours. Benzathacil penicillin 600 000 to 1 200 000 units produces measurable serum concentrations for one month and is ideally suited to prophylactic use. These preparations are highly satisfactory except in the most severe acute infections.

B Continuous Intramuscular and Continuous Intravenous. Where very high doses of penicillin are necessary in the treatment of infections due to resistant organisms administration by continuous drip is often advantageous. Many million units dissolved in 1000 to 2000 cc of physiological saline or 5% glucose solutions may be given by indwelling needle or catheter in 24 hours. The intramuscular site should be changed as frequently as irritation occurs. Thrombophlebitis as a complication of intravenous administration may be avoided by changing the vein used or by addition of 10 mg heparin sodium to the solution.

C Oral. Penicillin may be given orally in all but the severest of infections or oral medication may be substituted for parenteral after initial response to treatment. Doses of 100 000 units every 3 hours to 300 000 units every 6 to 8 hours may be given.

D Topical

- 1 Aerosol 50 000 to 100 000 units may be aerosolized from

3 to 8 times a day. A solution containing 50 000 units per 0.5 cc. may be nebulized by means of Vaponephrin® or DeVilbiss #40® nebulizers. Forced deep inhalation followed by retention of the inspired penicillin as long as possible should be insured. Hand pumping or compressed gas fed through a Y tube may be used to nebulize the solution. Penicillin powder in cartridges containing 50 000 units may be used similarly by means of the Abbott Aerosolator® or the Squibb Dispulator®. While local effect in the respiratory passages for the treatment of bronchiectasis, chronic bronchitis, etc., is usually the objective, appreciable blood concentrations of penicillin frequently result. Nausea often occurs commonly.

2. **Intrathecal.** Although penicillin may penetrate the subarachnoid space after intramuscular injection, this phenomenon is inconstant and may be delayed. Therefore, in meningitis due to susceptible organisms, 10 000 units of penicillin dissolved in 10 cc. of physiological saline should be administered once a day until the cerebrospinal fluid glucose content becomes normal. Penicillin should also be given intramuscularly.
3. **Intrapleural, intra-articular.** 10 000 to 300 000 units of penicillin may be introduced into joint or pleural spaces infected by susceptible organisms daily or every other day following aspiration.
4. **Oral.** Troches of penicillin may be dissolved slowly in the mouth in the treatment of Vincent's stomatitis and pharyngitis. This form of therapy is valueless in other forms of pharyngitis and may produce stomatitis.
5. **Wounds and skin.** Solutions of penicillin containing 200 000 units per cc. may be used as a wet dressing in infected wounds. Penicillin is of no value as an irrigating solution because of the necessity of prolonged contact to produce antibacterial effect.

ointments of penicillin incorporated in various bases may be used on infections of the skin due to susceptible organisms.

#### Toxicity

Since the purification of penicillin, true toxic reactions are almost unknown. Sensitization may be pre-existing or induced. Fever and rashes, especially urticarial, may appear during the course of penicillin administration or as long as several weeks later. This may easily mimic serum sickness. True idiosyncrasy to penicillin is rare and may be largely limited to individuals suffering from dermatophytoses. Desensitization may be attempted. Patients known to be sensitive to penicillin may be treated with penicillin G or phenoxymethylpenicillin G, which may be substituted for aqueous and procaine penicillin respectively in the same doses. Cross-sensitization occurs occasionally and should be guarded against.

## STREPTOMYCIN

Streptomycin is prepared from the cultural products of *Streptomyces griseus*. Commercially available salts include the sulfate hydrochloride and the calcium chloride complex. Dihydrostreptomycin may be used alternatively with streptomycin. Vestibular damage is less frequent following dihydrostreptomycin therapy but deafness occurs more often following prolonged dihydrostreptomycin therapy than at streptomycin treatment. One microgram ( $\gamma$ ) equals 1 Waksman unit and 1 Gm equals 1 000 000 Waksman units.

Indications and Antibacterial Spectrum. (See table p 514.) Streptomycin is principally active against gram negative organisms but possesses significant activity against some strains of gram positive cocci. Penicillin and streptomycin exert marked synergistic activity in infections due to *Streptococcus fecalis* and streptococci. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* is highly susceptible to streptomycin and Aureomycin® exert synergistic activity in brucellosis.

The indications for streptomycin are almost entirely limited to infections due to gram negative organisms and tuberculosis. For this reason exact etiological diagnosis should be sought before instituting treatment. Streptomycin should be reserved for those cases of tuberculosis where a conservative rest regime would not be expected to produce good results. Combination with collapse therapy and surgical procedures often is of aid. Most tubercle bacilli become streptomycin resistant within 3 months of the beginning of treatment although the simultaneous use of PAS may delay this event.

Mode of Action, Resistance

Streptomycin is both bacteriostatic and bactericidal. Its mode of action is unknown. Resistant variants of organisms may multiply quickly in infections treated with streptomycin so that further therapy with the antibiotic is useless. Streptomycin should be used only when necessary and adequate initial dosage should be used to prevent development of drug resistance.

Absorption, Distribution, Excretion

- A Absorption Streptomycin is readily absorbed from the site of intramuscular injection. The peak serum concentration is reached within one hour and detectable amounts are present up to 6 hours later. It is likely that streptomycin persists longer than this in the tissues. If streptomycin is administered every 3 to 4 hours gradually increasing serum levels will be noted due to slow accumulation. Administration every 6 hours is sufficient in all but the most acute infections in which case the drug should be given initially every 3 or 4 hours. Streptomycin is not absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract but exerts bacteriostatic activity in the lumen of the bowel.
- B Distribution Streptomycin is distributed throughout the body similarly to penicillin. Penetration of the cerebrospinal fluid is inconstant and unreliable.
- C Excretion Streptomycin is excreted principally in the urine where the concentration exceeds that in the serum.

## Dosage and Method of Administration

- A Intramuscularly in divided doses very 3 to 6 hours. Most serious realized infections require approximately 3 to 4 Gm per day. Urinary tract infections due to highly susceptible organisms may be treated with 250 mg intramuscularly every 6 hours for 3 to 5 days. Streptomycin should not be used in the presence of obstruction of the urinary tract because of the necessity of the development of resistant organisms.
- B Intravenous. In addition to intramuscular administration 25 to 30 mg daily in 10% of physiological saline solution may be given intravenously daily until the cerebrospinal fluid sugar content becomes normal.
- C Intrathecal. Streptomycin may be administered orally 0.5 Gm (7.5 mg) every 6 hours in the treatment of shigella dysentery.
- D Tuberculosis. 0.5 Gm of streptomycin and 0.5 Gm of dihydrostreptomycin intramuscularly twice weekly is indicated in the treatment of forms of tuberculosis. In the case of tuberculous pneumonia and miliary tuberculosis 40 mg/Kg of body wt (20 mg/lb) daily should be given intravenously or by the oral route (30 mg/lb) daily should be administered intramuscularly in addition to 2 mg/Kg of body wt (1 mg/lb) per day intrathecally (see Tuberculosis p 467).

## Toxicity

Infusional reactions are uncommon. Pressor drug reactions of many sorts occur. Drug fever may be observed. Light nausea and diarrhea are frequent. Eosinophilia may be noted but appears to have no significance. Cyindruria and nitrogen retention associated with permanent renal damage have been reported. In tubular damage of a manifest type by tinnitus and characteristic severe vertigo, nausea, and high prolonged dosage of streptomycin in the absence of immediate recovery usually follows. If tubular damage becomes permanent satisfactory compensation is usually made by the patient. Deafness also may occur but is reversible. The appearance of depression is less common with dihydrostreptomycin but deafness may develop after treatment has been stopped. The use of combined streptomycin and dihydrostreptomycin in equimolar amounts reduces the incidence of deafness and tubular damage. Placenta is increased in protein content of the placental fluid. Edema, blood block or myelitis may follow prolonged intrathecal administration of streptomycin.

## CHLORTETRACYCLINE (AUREOMYCIN®)

Chlortetracycline (Aureomycin®) is prepared from Streptomycin and is available in the hydrochloride form. (See table on p 514.)

Chlortetracycline is indicated for the treatment of a broad spectrum of infections caused by susceptible organisms.

## 308 Oxytetracycline

spectrum antibiotic with a wide therapeutic range. It is active against most gram negative rods and gram positive cocci, the spirochetes of leptospirosis relapsing fever, rat bite fever, syphilis and yaws as well as the rickettsiae of typhus, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, scrub typhus, Q fever and rickettsialpox. It is highly active against the viruses of psittacosis, lymphoplasma venereum, primary atypical pneumonia and probably herpes zoster.

### Absorption Excretion

Chlortetracycline is absorbed slowly from the gastrointestinal tract and peak blood concentrations are reached in from 2 to 4 hours and persist as long as 12 to 24 hours depending on the dose. Intravenous administration produces an immediate high blood concentration which drops over a period of 6 to 24 hours varying with the dose. Chlortetracycline is poorly absorbed after muscular injection unless hyaluronidase is added. Accumulation occurs in the body at high dosage so that blood levels become increasingly elevated during prolonged administration at high dosage. Chlortetracycline is excreted slowly by the kidney. It does not appear readily in the cerebrospinal fluid or pleural fluid but it is present in high concentration in the urine and stools.

### Dosage

- A Oral. 0.25 to 1.0 Gm. may be given orally every 6 hours in systemic infections and less frequently (every 8-10 hours) in urinary tract infections.  
B Intrav. no. 2. Similar results may be obtained by the intravenous administration of 100 mg. every 6 to 8 hours or 500 mg. every 12 hours. In resistant infections combined oral and intravenous therapy may be used.  
C Intramuscular. 250 mg. in 1% procaine solution with 250 units of hyaluronidase added every 6 hours may be substituted for intravenous therapy when required.

### Method of Administration

250 mg. orally every 6 hours appears adequate in most acute infections. Gastrointestinal symptoms may be minimized by administering the drug only when food is in the stomach or by simultaneously administering carboxymethylcellulose. Superinfections with yeast in the oropharynx and perineal area may occur but are probably secondary infections of local sensitivity reactions.

### Toxicity

Nausea and vomiting are common following oral administration but this may be avoided by reducing the dose to 250 mg. every 8 hours or administering the drug intravenously. Rashes and stomatitis may occur. Loose bowel movements may be observed.

## OXYTETRACYCLINE (TERRAMYCIN®)

Oxytetracycline (Terramycin®) is derived from *Streptomyces* filamentosus. The commercial preparations are the hydrochloride and the base.

Indications and Anti Infective Spectrum (See table on p 314)  
 Oxytetracycline is a broad spectrum antibiotic whose range of activity is similar to that of chlortetracycline. It may be used in infections due to gram positive and gram negative cocci, gram positive and gram negative rods, spirochetes, rickettsia and the viruses of primary atypical pneumonia, lymphoplasma pneumoniae and psittacosis.

#### Absorption and Excretion

Oxytetracycline is incompletely absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract. Salicylate serum levels may be maintained by administration every 6 hours. Excretion is principally by the kidneys. Significant amounts appear in the bile. Appearance in the cerebrospinal fluid is delayed and irregular.

#### Dosage and Route of Administration

- A Oral 0.25 to 1.0 Gm may be given orally every 6 hours.  
 B Intravenous 0.5 to 1.0 Gm dissolved in sodium glycinate buffer. Injection may be administered every 12 hours. Oral therapy should be used when possible.  
 C Intramuscular The preparation for I.M. use may be given in a dose of 0.5 mg every 24 hours or 0.1 Gm every 6 hours.

#### Toxicity

Occasionally omitting diarrhoea, stomatitis and dermatitis occur. If phlebitis may result from prolonged intravenous treatment at high dosage. Thrombophlebitis may result from intravenous administration. Superinfection with resistant staphylococci may occasionally occur as a severe eczematoid reaction.

## TETRACYCLINE (ACHROMYCIN® TETRACYN®)

Tetracycline is produced by removing the chloro group from chlortetracycline. Its properties are closely similar to those of chlortetracycline and oxytetracycline. It is more stable in solution than the other derivative.

Indications and Anti Infective Spectrum (See table on p 314)  
 Tetracycline is a broad spectrum antibiotic whose field of activity is similar to those of chlortetracycline and oxytetracycline. Susceptibility of strains of bacteria may differ among the three drugs, however.

#### Absorption and Excretion

Tetracycline is well absorbed and excreted similarly to chlortetracycline. It may differ as more readily into the cerebrospinal fluid.

#### Dosage and Route of Administration

- A Oral 0.25 to 1.0 Gm every 6 hours  
 B Intravenous 0.5 to 1.0 Gm every 12 hours  
 C Intramuscular 0.1 Gm every 8-12 hours

510 Chloramphenicol Tyrothricin Polymyxin

Toxicity  
Similar to that of chlortetracycline and oxytetracycline but significantly less frequent

**CHLORAMPHENICOL (CHLOROMYCETIN®)**

Chloramphenicol (Chloromycetin®) originally prepared from *Streptomyces venezuelae* is also produced synthetically

Indications and Anti Infective Spectrum (See table on p. 514)  
Chloramphenicol is active against a wide range of bacteria, the rickettsiae and the viruses of lymphopathia venereum, psittacosis and primary atypical pneumonia. Generally speaking, it is more effective than chlortetracycline and oxytetracycline in typhoid fever approximately equal in effect against other gram negative organisms, spirochetes and rickettsiae.

Absorption and Excretion

Chloramphenicol is rapidly absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract, reaching a peak serum concentration within 2 hours. Absorption following rectal administration is slightly less efficient. 0.5 Gm. may be administered intramuscularly or intravenously every 6 hours. Excretion is principally by the kidneys, and high concentrations are reached in the urine.

Dosage and Route of Administration

- A Oral, 50 mg /kg (23 mg /lb) per day (100 mg /kg or 45 mg /lb per day in children) administered every 3 to 6 hours. Reduce by one half following defervescence.  
B Rectal, 125 to 150 mg /kg (56.70 mg /lb) per day in children every 6 hours. Capsule should be punctured before insertion.  
C Intramuscular or Intravenous, 500 mg every 6 hours.

Toxicity

Nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, nervous depression and dermatitis occur occasionally. Granulocytopenia and aplastic anemia occur occasionally and chloramphenicol should therefore be used only on definite indication.

**TYROTHRICIN**

Tyrothricin is prepared from *Bacillus brevis*. It is used topically as an ointment or watery suspension. It is active only against gram positive organisms. Because of toxic effects on peroral administration, its use is limited entirely to the topical treatment of infected wounds and pyoderma.

**POLYMYXIN (AEROSPORIN®)**

The polymyxins, of which B, D and E have been given clinical trial, are derived from *Bacillus polymyxa* and related organisms.

Indications and Antimicrobial Spectrum (See table on p. 514)

With the exception of most strains of *Proteus vulgaris*, polymyxin is bactericidal against gram-negative rods. Most strains of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (pyocyanus) are highly susceptible to polymyxin. Polymyxin is indicated in severe systemic infections due to gram-negative rods, particularly infections due to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* which do not respond to other forms of chemotherapy. It may be used as a local application in wounds infected with susceptible organisms. It may be given orally in the treatment of shigellosis or in the management of the carrier state.

Administration

Absorption: rapid after intramuscular injection. Excretion is largely by the kidney, and high concentrations are achieved in the urine. Polymyxin is not absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract and when it is given by mouth it exhibits its principal activity in the lumen of the bowel.

Dosage

- A Adults: 1.5 to 2.5 mg /Kg of body wt. divided into 3 or 4 doses.  
 B Oral: 20 mg /Kg of body wt. /day given in 3 or 4 doses.

Toxicity

Mortality effects occur at dosage levels over 2.5 mg /Kg of body wt. /day. Albuminuria and nitrogen retention are usually reversible. Weakness, drowsiness, ataxia, numbness of the fingers and feet, impaired position sense, blurring of the vision, diplopia and nystagmus may occur. Allergic reactions such as itching, chilly sensations, stinging and rashes are observed. Irritation at the site of intramuscular injection is common.

## BACITRACIN

Bacitracin is derived from the growth products of *Bacillus subtilis*.

Indications and Antimicrobial Spectrum (See table on p. 514)

Bacitracin is active against many positive cocci and spirochetes. Its action is principally bactericidal. Synergistic action with penicillin and other bactericidal antibiotics has been demonstrated against staphylococci and other organisms. Bacitracin is principally used orally for local infections due to susceptible organisms but it may be administered orally in the treatment of infections caused by other organisms in combination with other antibiotics as one of a synergistic pair. It may be used orally in the treatment of amebic colitis.

Dosage

- A Injectable: Solution or ointments containing 500 units per gram.  
 B Oral: 40,000 to 120,000 units in divided doses daily for 5 to 20 days.  
 C Intramuscular: 2500 to 25,000 units every 8 hours.



Toxicity

Albuminuria cylindruria and nitrogen retention commonly occur after parenteral administration

**NEOMYCIN**

Neomycin is derived from *Actinomyces fradii*

Indications and Antimicrobial Spectrum (See table on p 514 )

Neomycin is most active against gram negative rods b t is also active against many strains of gram positive cocci particularly staphylococci as well as gram positive rods Many strains of *Proteus vulgaris* are sensitive to neomycin Its principal use is local in the treatment of infections due to susceptible organisms but it may be used occasionally parenterally in the treatment of infections due to organisms resistant to other antibiotics or may be used as one of a synergistic pair It may be used orally to sterilize the bowel before gastrointestinal surgery and in amebic colitis

Absorption and Excretion

Neomycin is readily absorbed after intramuscular injection It is poorly absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract It exerts its principal activity in the lumen of the bowel when given orally Neomycin is principally excreted by the kidney and appears in the urine in high concentration

Dosage

- A Topical Ointments containing 1000 units per gram or solutions containing 200 units per cc may be used locally
- B Oral 50 000 units every 8 hours
- C Intramuscular 100 000 units to 200 000 units daily divided into doses at 6 hour intervals

Toxicity

Renal damage manifested by albuminuria Nitrogen retention may occur Deafness may follow parenteral administration

**ERYTHROMYCIN (ERYTHROCYN®)**

Erythromycin is a medium spectrum antibiotic derived from *Streptomyces erythreus* Its action may be bactericidal or bacteriostatic depending on the susceptibility of the bacteria Resistance to erythromycin may develop rapidly under certain circumstances most notably by staphylococci

Indications and Antimicrobial Spectrum (See table on p 514 )

Erythromycin is active against most strains of gram positive cocci gram negative cocci C diphtheriae H influenzae H pertussis and brucellae Activity has also been shown against the viruses of lymphopathia venereum and psittacosis and the rickettsia of typhus Erythromycin may be used in infections due to these organisms as an alternative to penicillin and other antibiotics

Route of Administration and Dosage

|   |                    |                             |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| A | <u>Oral</u>        | 0.2 to 0.5 Gm every 6 hours |
| B | <u>Intravenous</u> | 0.5 Gm every 12 hours       |

Toxicity

Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea occur occasionally

**CARBOMYCIN (MAGNACYCIN®)**

Carbomycin is a medium spectrum antibiotic derived from *Streptomyces halstedii*. It is principally active against gram positive cocci but is also active against large viruses, rickettsiae and *E. histolytica*.

The indications for carbomycin are not established. It may exert therapeutic effect in infection of the hepatic biliary tract by susceptible organisms including *E. histolytica*.

Absorption and Excretion

Carbomycin is absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract and excreted promptly in high concentration in the bile. Little appears in the serum or urine.

Dosage and Indications

|   |                    |                       |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | <u>Oral</u>        | 0.5 Gm every 6 hours  |
| 2 | <u>Intravenous</u> | 0.5 Gm every 12 hours |



## Chapter 20

# DISEASES OF UNKNOWN ETIOLOGY

A variety of names (collagen diseases, diffuse connective tissue diseases, visceral angitides, diffuse connective tissue disease) have been given to a group of diseases which appear to have in common a pathological involvement of mesenchymal tissues. Rheumatic fever, rheumatoid arthritis, disseminated lupus erythematosus, psoriasis, lila nodosa, scleroderma, dermatomyositis, acrocyanosis (acro-larvea) and perhaps glomerulonephritis are the chief members of this group of rather ill defined but probably related diseases of unknown etiology. The differentiation of these disorders sometimes poses a real clinical problem, and in many instances the diagnosis can be established only after long continued and painstaking observation (see page 320). There is some evidence that hypersensitivity is a common denominator in etiology, although the pathological reaction in the connective tissue is probably caused by a wide variety of injurious agents.

### Clinical Findings

Certain clinical features are common to many of the collagen diseases, although there may be considerable variation in the severity, extent and frequency of manifestations.

A. Cutaneous Lesions. Butterfly rash, erythema multiforme and nodosum.

B. Hemorrhagic Phenomena. Purpura, hemorrhage.

C. Articular Manifestations. Synovitis, arthritis, arthralgia.

D. Cardiovascular Involvement. Pericarditis, myocarditis, endocarditis, coronary artery disease.

E. Vascular Manifestation. Arterial hypertension, Raynaud's phenomenon.

F. Lymphatic Involvement. Lymphadenopathy and plethomegaly.

G. Serous Membranes. Polyserositis, pleurisy, pericarditis, peritonitis.

H. Neurological Manifestation.

I. Hematologic Change. Anemia, leukocytosis or leukopenia.

J. Renal or Urinary.

K. Systemic or Constitutional Manifestation. Fever, weight loss, fatigue.

### Laboratory Findings

Laboratory studies which often are of special diagnostic significance.

A. Skin Biopsy. Characteristic histologic changes may be observed in some of these conditions.

- B Muscle Biopsy** Characteristic histologic changes occur in periostitis and dermatomyositis
- C Lupus Erythematosus C II Demonstration** These characteristic polymorphonuclear leukocytes (with round vacuole partially filled with nuclear material) in marrow and peripheral blood smears point relatively specifically to disseminated lupus
- D Antistreptolysin Titer** Demonstration of changing A S titer may provide etiologic information regarding background of previous streptococcal infection which is of especial value in the diagnosis of rheumatic fever

Rheumatic fever and Sydenham's chorea will be discussed individually. The treatment of other diffuse collagen diseases will be discussed collectively. Acrocyanosis (acrosclerosis) has been included in this group for purposes of differential diagnosis although it is doubtful that it is a true member of the collagen disease group. Rheumatoid arthritis has been dealt with in Chapter 12 (see page 311) glomerulonephritis in Chapter 11 (see page 293)

### RHEUMATIC FEVER (code No 010 932)

A generalized disease of unknown etiology usually coming on 1-3 weeks after an acute infection with the hemolytic streptococci and manifested usually by pathological changes involving the heart blood vessels and serous surfaces primarily the joints. It has a marked tendency to recur.

#### Diagnosis

The diagnosis of active rheumatic fever can usually be made if the patient has 2 major manifestations or 1 major and 2 minor manifestations of the disease (Jones)

#### A Major Manifestations

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1 Definite past history of rheumatic fever         | 3 Inflammation of joints |
| 2 Signs of active carditis (including Ecg changes) | 4 Subcutaneous nodules   |
|  | 5 Chorea                 |

#### B Minor Manifestations

- |                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Fever               | 5 Non traumatic nose bleed |
| 2 Erythema multiforme | 6 Purpura                  |
| 3 Abdominal pain      | 7 Pneumonitis              |
| 4 Precordial pain     |                            |

- C Laboratory Tests** May show increased sedimentation rate and increased antistreptolysin titer leukocytosis and anemia and abnormal Ecg

#### Treatment (See page 168 for treatment of rheumatic heart disease)

#### A Specific Measures

- 1 Salicylate therapy** The salicylates markedly reduce fever alleviate joint pain and possibly reduce joint swelling. There is no evidence that they have any effect on the natural course of the disease. The salicylates should be continued as long as necessary to relieve pain swelling or fever. If withdrawal of the drug results in a recurrence of symptoms they should immediately be reinstituted.

- a. Sodium salicylate is the drug most widely used -

(1) Dose 1-2 Gm (15-30 gr) every 2-4 hours orally  
The drug should be given in sufficient doses to allay symptoms and fever and if necessary to give maximum doses to achieve this result. In an occasional patient maximum doses may not be completely effective. There is no evidence that intravenous administration has any advantage over the oral route.

(2) Toxic reactions. The early reactions include tinnitus, nausea and vomiting. Sodium salicylate may be given in enteric-coated 0.5 Gm (7½ gr) pills or with small doses of sodium bicarbonate to reduce gastric irritation. Never use sodium salicylate or sodium bicarbonate in patients with acute rheumatic fever who have associated cardiac failure.

- b. Acetylsalicylic acid may be substituted for sodium salicylate with the same dosage and precautions.

c. Aminopyrine (pyramidon). If the salicylates are not tolerated, this drug may be used in doses of 0.2-0.4 Gm (3-6 gr) every 3-4 hours. Check the WBC every 3-4 days when giving this drug.

2. The sulfonamide and penicillin should never be used in the treatment of acute rheumatic fever; they are of no value and the sulfonamides may be harmful.

a. Prevention of relapse - There is some evidence that penicillin may prevent a relapse if used within 1-4 hours after the onset of a streptococcal infection.

b. Constricting infection. If an acute infection occurs during an attack of rheumatic fever, give antibiotic as indicated (see page 314) but avoid giving sulfonamides.

## B. General Management

1. Bed rest should be enforced until all signs of the rheumatic fever have disappeared. The criteria for this are:

- Return of the temperature to normal with patient in bed rest and without medications.
- Normal sedimentation rate.
- Normal resting pulse rate (under 100 in adults).
- Return of ECG to normal or fixation of abnormalities.

2. Gradual resumption of activities. Patient may be allowed up slowly, but several months should elapse before return to full activity unless the infection was exceedingly mild.

3. Maintain good nutrition.

C. Corticosteroids and ACTH. Although rather remarkable results have been observed in certain acute rheumatic fever patients treated with these drugs, such improvement is only temporary. There may be a prompt disappearance of fever, malaise, tachycardia, and polyarthritides. Abnormal ECG changes (prolonged P-R interval) and blood enzyme titer may return to normal limits within a week. Optimal dosage schedules and influence of the drugs on the development of subsequent cardiac lesions have not been established.

## D. Treatment of Complications

1. Compensation for congestive failure (see page 313), with the following variations:

- a Low sodium diet (see page 53) and mercurial diuretics (see page 204) are of particular value in promoting diuresis and treating failure in acute rheumatic fever
  - b Digitalis is generally not as effective in acute rheumatic fever as in most cases of congestive failure and the drug may accentuate the myocardial irritability producing arrhythmias that further embarrass the heart
  - c Many cases of congestive failure are due to acute myocarditis. These cases often respond dramatically to corticotropin (ACTH) or cortisone. When these agents are used for this condition maximal sodium restriction (under 200 mg daily) is imperative
- 2 Pericarditis. Treat as any acute non purulent pericarditis (see page 188). The rheumatic effusion is sterile and antibiotics are of no value. The general principles include relief of pain by opiates if necessary and removal of fluid by cardiac paracentesis if tamponade develops. If paracentesis is performed it should be preceded and followed by a short course of penicillin therapy to prevent contamination of the pericardium. ACTH and cortisone as well as salicylates should be continued or started as they seem to have a specific and favorable effect in aiding resorption of the fluid

### Prophylaxis

The principles of prophylaxis are to avoid hemolytic streptococcal infection and to give immediate treatment with the antibiotic agents if a streptococcal infection occurs

#### A. General Measures

- 1 Avoid contact with persons who have colds or upper respiratory infections
- 2 If possible live in a warm climate

#### B. Prevention of Infection. Two methods of prophylaxis are now advocated

- 1 Penicillin. Oral penicillin in doses of 100 000 units t i d (under 100 lbs weight) 200 000 units t i d (over 100 lbs weight). This is advocated especially for children who have had one or more attacks of acute rheumatic fever and should be given throughout the school year. Adults should receive this for about 5 years after an attack of acute rheumatic fever. In any case it should be given to these individuals between September and June
- 2 Sulfonamides. If penicillin is not available give sulfadiazine 1-2 Gm (15-30 gr) daily in divided doses from September to June. Patients receiving sulfonamides should have frequent blood counts; urinalysis should be performed initially and at least every 4-6 weeks thereafter. If there is any tendency towards leukopenia the drug should be stopped immediately

C. Treatment of streptococcal sore throat should be carried out by use of the antibiotics. It has been shown that prompt therapy (within 24 hours) of streptococcal infections by 300 000-600 000 units of aqueous procaine penicillin 1 M will prevent most attacks of acute rheumatic fever. If this proves true prompt penicillin treatment of any upper respiratory infection in susceptible individuals may be adequate prophylaxis

## CHOREA (Sydenham's) (code No 930 195)

Also common manifestation of rheumatic disease characterized pathologically by generalized demyelination and congestion of the brain and by involvement of the basal ganglia with arterial thrombi, focal hemorrhages, perivascular infiltration and chromatolysis of nerve cells. It occurs most frequently in females in the second decade and is characterized by jerky, restless choreiform movements and titubation by dysarthria.

Treatment

A Dose Medication None known Corticotropin (ACTH) and cortisone Dose to be of benefit in many cases of chorea. It must be given in relatively high initial dosage and marked sodium restriction must be employed.

B Frequency the pyrexia may be employed if all else fails. This may be given by the method of hyperthermia apparatus with temperature 39.5-40.5°C (103°-105°F) for 3-5 hours twice weekly for 6-10 treatment courses or typhoid vaccine in 1 V daily for 3-7 days.

C General Management re

1. General symptoms titubation and good nursing care are of most importance.
2. Sedation with Phenobarbital Phenobarbital 15-30 mg (1/4-1/2 gr) t.i.d. q.i.d. may be helpful.
3. If convulsive seizures appear magnesium sulfate 4-10 cc (1-2 1/2 cc) of a 10% solution I.M. or I.V. may be used. When administering magnesium sulfate I.V. always have a syringe filled with 10 cc of 10% solution of calcium gluconate or other calcium salt ready to administer I.V. if nausea or urticaria or other reaction occurs.

OTHER DISEASES OF UNKNOWN ETIOLOGY  
OTHER VISCERAL ANGIOTIDES ("Diffuse Vascular Diseases")

Acrocyanosis (code No. not listed)

Diffuse leukoderma (code No. 114 311)

Disseminated lupus erythematosus (code No. 110 120)

Disseminated gonorrhea (code No. 2 4 100)

Periarteritis nodosa (code No. 442 190)

Diagnosis

See table on page 520

Treatment

A General Management None known The role of corticotropin (ACTH) and cortisone in the management of this group of diseases has not yet been established, although they seem to be the most effective weapons available. In some cases the effect has been quite definite and dramatic, especially in the early phase of the illness. Other patients have received temporary benefit during acute episodes. A few patients seem to be only intermittently affected by these agents. Suggested dosage schedules are comparable to those employed in rheumatoid arthritis (see page 311).



## DISEASES DUE TO PHYSICAL AGENTS

### DISORDERS DUE TO COLD

Exposure to cold produces immediate localized and then generalized vasoconstriction. When the skin temperature falls to 25° C (77° F) tissue metabolism is slowed but the demand for oxygen remains greater than the slowed circulation can supply and the area becomes cyanotic. At 15° C (59° F) tissue metabolism is markedly decreased and the dissociation of oxyhemoglobin is reduced giving a pink well oxygenated appearance to the skin. Evidence indicates that tissue survival at this temperature is slight. Tissue death may be caused either by ischemia and thromboses in the smaller vessels or by actual freezing with the formation of ice in the tissues. Freezing does not occur until the skin temperature drops to -4 to -10° C (25 to 14° F) or even lower depending on coexisting factors such as wind immobility venous stasis malnutrition and occlusive arterial disease.

#### Prophylaxis

1. Wear warm dry clothing preferably several layers to afford additional insulation with windproof outer garment
2. Keep dry when possible remove wet clothing socks and shoes and replace with thoroughly dried ones
3. Avoid cramped positions constricting clothing and prolonged dependency of feet
4. Exercise arms legs including fingers and toes periodically to maintain circulation
5. Avoid wet and muddy ground and keep sheltered from wind
6. Maintain good nutrition and cleanliness of skin

### CHILBLAINS (code No 0 -446)

Chilblains are red itching skin lesions usually on the extremities caused by exposure to cold without actual freezing of the tissues. They may be associated with edema or blistering and are aggravated by the application of warmth. In the chronic form ulcerative or hemorrhagic lesions may appear and progress to scarring fibrosis and atrophy.

#### Treatment

1. Protect affected area from trauma and secondary infection
2. Do not rub or massage injured tissues or apply ice or heat
3. Elevate affected part slightly and allow to warm gradually

Frostbite is injury of the superficial tissues due to freezing. It is divided into three grades of severity. 1st degree Frostbite without blistering or peeling. 2nd degree Frostbite with blistering or peeling. 3rd degree Frostbite with death of skin and underlying tissues. In mild cases the numbness may be relieved by warming the affected area. In severe cases the affected area may become necrotic and the patient may require amputation. Edema, blistering, and gangrene may appear.

Treatment  
The patient should be kept warm and dry. The affected area should be protected from further injury. The patient should be kept comfortable and reassured. The patient should be kept warm and dry. The affected area should be protected from further injury. The patient should be kept comfortable and reassured.

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Protection of the local part  
a. Avoid exposure to the sun or wind.  
b. Keep affected part warm and dry.  
c. Avoid contact with bed linen, blankets, and clothing.

Avoidance of  
a. Local anesthesia.  
b. Painkillers.  
c. Sympathetic blockade.

Amputation  
The patient should be kept warm and dry. The affected area should be protected from further injury. The patient should be kept comfortable and reassured. The patient should be kept warm and dry. The affected area should be protected from further injury. The patient should be kept comfortable and reassured.

References  
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2. Principles of Surgery, 4th ed., 1971.

- 4 Treat shock when present (see page 31)  
 B Follow up Avoid immediate re exposure to heat

### HEAT CRAMPS (code No 270-445)

Heat cramps are painful spasms of voluntary muscles of abdomen and extremities due primarily to salt depletion and following sustained exposure to heat. The skin is moist and cool and muscle twitchings may be present. The temperature is normal or only slightly increased. Laboratory studies reveal hemoconcentration and low serum sodium.

#### Treatment

##### A Emergency Measures

- 1 Sodium chloride 1 Gm (15 gr) every 1/2 hour with abundance of water or saline solution by mouth or 1000 cc (1 qt) physiological saline I V. This usually relieves attack promptly.
- 2 Have patient rest in a cool, shady place.
- 3 Massage sore muscles gently.

- B Follow up Rest for 1-3 days depending on severity

### BURNS

Burns are tissue injuries due to heat and may be graded as follows:

- 1st degree Erythema without blistering (code No 13-4411)
- 2nd degree Erythema with blistering (code No 13-4412)
- 3rd degree Destruction of deeper tissues (code No 13-4413)

When tissues are burned, plasma is lost into the burned area and from the surface of the burn. This leads to hypoproteinemia which remains as long as a granulating surface is present and the granulating surface heals poorly as long as there is hypoproteinemia. The loss of plasma results in a reduced blood volume, hemoconcentration, low cardiac output, decreased blood flow, oliguria, elevated N/P/N, and leukocytosis. Though anemia may occur at the time of the burn due to RBC destruction, it more commonly becomes apparent about the fifth day as hemodilution begins and as the effects of blood destruction and impaired RBC formation make themselves apparent. Secondary infection is prone to occur and must be treated promptly. Death may result in an adult when 30% or more of the body surface is involved. In an infant, 10% may be associated with very severe effects.

The course of a severe burn may be divided as follows:

- 1 Immediate shock (neurogenic)
- 2 Burn shock (first 48 hours)
- 3 Toxemia (occurring about 3rd day)
- 4 Sepsis (about 3rd day)
- 5 Healing and restoration of function

#### Treatment

Take blood pressure, pulse, hemoglobin, RBC hematocrit and plasma proteins at start of therapy and at regular intervals.

- A Emergency Measure (See page 31 for treatment of shock)
- 1 Plasmapheresis infusion. A rough estimate of plasma needs may be determined by one of the following formulas:  
Administer 100 cc of plasma  
a For each 1% increase in hematocrit above 40%  
or b For each 100,000 increase in RBC above 5 million  
or c For each 2% increase in Hgb above 100%  
Human serum albumin in appropriate dosage may be substituted for plasma when available. This decreases possibility of transmitting hepatitis (see page 29).
  - 2 Blood transfusion if blood loss has occurred.
- B Surgical Measures
- 1 Cleaning and debridement (As plastic clinic throughout).  
Anesthetic potent if necessary.  
b Cleanse burn and surrounding area gently with soap and sterile saline. Do not rub vigorously. Either or benzoin may be used to remove grease or oil.  
Remove loose and necrotic tissue. If necessary to open blisters do so aseptically.  
d Do not apply tannic acid, silver nitrate or iodine. Do not use poisons to burned areas.
  - 2 Dressing (Maintain strict asepsis).  
a Cover first with sterile petrolatum or similar grease at lips.  
b Apply gauze pads and fluffy sponge.  
c Bandage snugly with roll bandage.  
d Cover with cotton sponge and sterile m. bipiate wa. t.  
e Apply pressure with m. in. stockinette or elastic bandages.  
f Remove first 10-14 days. Prepare for skin grafts.
- C General Measures
- 1 Prevent infection. Sweep 1 d (see page 502).
  - 2 Antitoxins for tetanus and gangrene as needed (see page 470).
  - 3 Fluids to maintain urinary output at 1,000-1,500 cc daily.
  - 4 Sodium bicarbonate 5-12 Gm (2-3 dr.) daily.
  - 5 Plasma or blood as needed hypoproteinemia may occur.
  - 6 High caloric (2,500 Cal) diet with added vitamins (see page 36).
  - 7 The place of corticosteroids (ACTH) and cortisone in the management of burns is not clear. Their effectiveness is not proved. They may appear to be as dramatic as originally reported. They may have a slight value during the phase of healing.

## ELECTRIC SHOCK (code No. 010-457)

Direct current is much less dangerous than alternating current. A fatal degree of high frequency or high voltage is less dangerous than a low voltage. When a large current of 15 to 30 cycles per second passes through the body, it produces ventricular fibrillation. High voltage (over 10,000) is especially dangerous. Voltages of 5,000 both electrical burns or ventricular fibrillation at 1,000 or over produce a severe degree of without serious inflammation. They act on the heart as they do on the heart.

for several weeks sloughing then occurs slowly and in a fairly wide area. Electric shock may produce loss of consciousness which may be momentary or prolonged. With recovery there may be muscular pain, fatigue, headache, and nervous irritability. The physical signs vary according to the action of the current. With ventricular fibrillation no heart sounds or pulse can be found and patient is unconscious. The respirations continue for a few minutes becoming exaggerated as asphyxia occurs and then ceasing as death intervenes. With respiratory failure respirations are absent and the patient is unconscious; the pulse can be felt but there is a marked fall in blood pressure and the skin is cold and cyanotic.

### Treatment

#### A. Emergency Measures

1. Free from current at once. This may be done in many ways but rescuer must protect himself in the process. Throw the proper switch, sever the wire with a wooden handled axe, make proper ground to divert current, or drag victim away by means of dry clothing or leather belt as indicated.
2. Artificial respiration must be started immediately (see page 151) if victim has slow or absent breathing and continued until spontaneous breathing returns or rigor mortis sets in.
3. Precordial compression for ventricular fibrillation or arrest. Artificial respiration will not restore its normal beat and other measures may not either.
4. Treat shock promptly (see page 31).
5. Positive pressure oxygen with carbon dioxide may be used when available or oxygen and carbon dioxide by mask combined with artificial respiration.

#### B. Hospital Measures

1. Hospitalize patient when revivified and observe for sudden cardiac dilatation or secondary hemorrhage.
2. Lumbar puncture if signs of increased pressure are noted.
3. Treat burns conservatively. The direction and extent of tissue injury may not be apparent for weeks. Infection is usually not a problem early. Patience and delay are important in treatment; allow granulation tissue to be well established before attempting any surgery. Hemorrhage may occur late and may be severe.

## IRRADIATION SICKNESS

Irradiation sickness is the term applied to the syndrome developing during or after the course of therapeutic x-ray administration or after exposure to ionizing radiation (e.g., x-rays, ultraviolet, gamma rays, alpha or beta particles).

### Irradiation Sickness Associated with Irradiation Therapy

Anorexia, nausea, vomiting, weakness, exhaustion, lassitude, and in some cases prostration may occur singly or in combination and may be of varying severity. The symptom complex is most likely to occur when x-ray therapy is given over the upper abdomen, less often over lower abdomen or thorax, and rarely over the extremities.

Tr im t

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- 1 Pyridoxine 30 100 mg (3/4 1L gr 11 V once or twice daily may be given b t the re lls are usually di ppointing
- 2 S dation S e pag 35
- 3 D amamine 100 mg (1 1/2 gr ) 20 80 minutes bef e ther

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B Gene 1 M

- 1 Ge e al surpo tive m as s When pati nt s e debilit t d
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- 3 T a f l u a w i t h w h o l b l o o d i f a n e m i a i s p e n t

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## Chapter 22

# DISEASES DUE TO TOXINS

### PRINCIPLES OF TREATMENT OF ACUTE POISONING

In the emergency treatment of any poisoning in which the toxin has been taken by mouth the following general procedures should be carried out

- A Remove poison by emesis lavage catharsis or diuresis as soon as possible
- B Inactivate poison with specific or general antidote Follow with lavage
- C Combat shock collapse and specific manifestations as they arise
- D Protect mucous membranes with demulcents

#### Removal of Poison.

*Do not use stomach tubes or emetics in poisonings due to strong acids or alkalis or other corrosive agents they may cause gastric perforation*

- A Emesis. This is the quickest way to evacuate gastric contents

##### 1 Indications

- a For removal of excess poison in cooperative patients
- b Convenience When stomach tube is unavailable or patient is unable to take stomach tube

##### 2 Contraindications

- a For drowsy or unconscious patients Danger of aspiration of stomach contents
- b For patients who have swallowed corrosive poisons

##### 3 Technic

- a Introduction of finger feather or other object into throat
- b Drug or chemical Give one of the following and follow with copious quantities of warm water E nesis should be continued until gastric contents are clear

(1) Apomorphine hydrochloride 8 mg ( $\frac{1}{10}$  gr) subcut will often quiet the patient and will usually induce vomiting

(2) Mustard powdered 1-3 tsp in a glass of lukewarm water is an uncertain and unpleasant emetic but is often useful and has the advantage of being generally available

(3) Sodium chloride 1 Tbsp in a glass of lukewarm water is not very efficient but is readily available

(4) Strong soap suds 250-500 cc ( $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1 pt)

B Gastric Aspiration and Lavage1 Indication

- Removal of effect of noncorrosive poisons which may later be absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract
- Removal of CNS depressant poisons when vomiting does not occur (vomiting contraindicated)
- For collection and examination of gastric contents for identification of poison
- For convenient administration of antidotes

2 Contraindications

- Extensive corrosion of tissues by poison
- Struggling delirious stuporous or comatose patient because of danger of aspiration pneumonia

3 Technique Gently insert a lubricated, soft but non collapsible stomach tube through the mouth or nose into the stomach, taking extreme care not to insert the tube into the trachea. Lavage copiously but do not distend the stomach. Under some conditions it is better to lavage with a small quantity of fluid frequently repeated. *Always remove excess of lavage solution.*

Collect and save washings in clean container for toxicological examination when indicated. In forensic cases these specimens may be sealed with sealing wax and placed in a locked refrigerator. In such instance deliver to toxicologist orally and give signed receipt for the specimen. If refrigerator is lacking, preserve the specimen with equal quantities of 95% alcohol do not use formalin, as this interferes with toxicological examination.

4 Gastric lavage fluid

- Warm tap water or 1% saline solution
- Thin starch paste soluble
- Sodium bicarbonate 1% solution
- Potassium permanganate 1:2000 solution [1.0 Gm (15 g) in 2000 (2 qt) water]
- Sodium thiosulfate 1% solution
- Hydrogen peroxide 1 or 2% solution

C Cathartics Usually ineffectiveNeutralization (inactivation) of Potassium Permanganate in Absorption

Explain use of long narrow glass tube for lavage

g. Gastric lavage

A New technique of Aspiration and Aspiration. See specific procedures

B. List of poisons. See specific poisons

C. Inactivation of poisons. Detail not possible to include here. Some of many poisons. These brands are also nothing to influence mucous membranes. For example, egg white, beaten to 100 cc (1 pt) in a bowl is blended with or thin flour or starch solution (renewed by boiled, if possible).

Signs and Symptoms: Mild

The signs and symptoms must be kept under close clinical observation in order to anticipate the immediate and delayed reactions of the poisons. For ideal patients may need special treatment and would be placed under the care of a physician.



**COMMONLY EMPLOYED AGRICULTURAL POISONS  
AND TREATMENT OF POISONING BY THESE AGENTS**

| Chemical Type            | Examples  | Treatment   |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Metals                   |   |   |
|                          | Arsenicals Calcium arsenate lead arsenate copper acetarsenite (Paris green)   | BAL® therapy (See page 536)   |
|                          | Lead salts Lead arsenate  | Calcium EDTA (See page 542)<br>DO NOT USE BAL®  |
|                          | Copper salts Copper sulfate (blue vitriol as used in Bordeaux mixture)  | Symptomatic and supportive Sodium thio-sulfate may be of value  |
| Fluorides                | Sodium fluosilicate sodium fluoroacetate (1080) sodium fluoride   | (See page 540)  |
| Halogenated hydrocarbons | Dichloro diphenyl trichloro ethane (DDT) chlorinated camphene (Toxophene) dichlorophenoxy acetic acid (24-D) benzene hexachloride ethylene dibromide methyl bromide chlordan methoxychlor | Symptomatic and supportive Barbiturates may be of value in controlling symptoms of CNS excitation (See page 533.)   |
| Thiocyanates             | Lethal cyanide  | Symptomatic and supportive  |
| Organic phosphate esters | Heptachlor triphosphate (labeled TP) tetraethylpyrophosphate (TEPP) parathion diethylthio phosphate (Parathion) disopropyl fluorophosphate (DFP)  | Parenteral administration of large doses of atropine sulfate and magnesium sulfate appears to relieve the marked neuromuscular toxicity Give oxygen by positive pressure if pulmonary involvement develops (See page 148) |
| Cyanides                 | Hydrocyanic acid gas (cyanogen and cyanogen gas) and cyanide salts  | (See page 540) Rapidly fatal<br>Treat promptly  |
| Thiourea compounds       | Alphanaphthylthiourea (ANTU)  | Symptomatic and supportive  |
| Plant derivatives        | Nicotine (tobacco or Black Leaf 40)   | Maintain adequate respiration using artificial respiration and oxygen if necessary  |
|                          | Rot none and pyrethrum  | Symptomatic and supportive  |

A C1 1 story Fluor

- 1 Shock (see pag 32) Principal measures include recumbent position warmth administration of stimulants and parenteral fluid to increase the blood volume
- 2 Cardiac failure (see pag 182) Principal measures include oxygen digitalis me u lated and rarely intracardiac adrenaline
- 3 Pulmonary edema Principal measures include oxygen particularly by positive pressure (see pag 148) o treatment of pulmonary failure if it exist avoid administration of parenteral saline or other parenteral fluid (except plasma)

B R 1 story Abnorm lili

- 1 R P to y obstruction Cor rect by oropharyngeal airway intubation, or tracheotomy
- 2 R P to y depression Pilo in open al
- 3 Admini t artificial respiration p r n
- 4 R il for or other means of torn ti ventilation should be employed as soon as possible
- 5 Stimulant (anesthetic drugs) Of l only in C Y S depressant drugs

Stimula Dru

- (1) Warm stimulating bath or illy or r t illy
- (2) Warm strong tea or illy
- (3) Caffeine with oil mbe cat 0.5 Gm (1 1/2 gr)
- (4) Aromatiz il its of ammoni 2.4 (1/2 1/4 3 in 1 up 1 water
- (5) Ephedrine salt 50 120 mg (3/4 2 gr) orally or subcut
- (6) Nalorphine 10 mg (1/4 1/2 gr) orally (Cor mine®), 0.25 1.25 Gm (1/4 1/2 3/4 1 gr) illy
- (7) Amphetamine 10 mg (1/4 1/2 gr) orally or illy
- (8) Mepharmphetamine hydrochlorid 2.5 15 mg (1/4 1/2 gr) orally or illy

For use of M: 1 1/2 and p r toto in a page 327

- 3 Hypothesis pneumonia (see page 123) Principal measures include antibiotics drugs and liberal saline p lation

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- 2 C N S depression Use stimulant (analeptic) drugs (see previous page)
- D Dehydration Use oral or parenteral fluids as tolerated and indicated (see page 23)
- E Pain See analgesic and narcotic drugs on pages 36 and 37

### ACIDS CORROSIVE (code No 010-32)

The strong mineral acids exert primarily local corrosive effect on the skin or mucous membranes. In severe burns circulatory collapse may result. The M L D is 4 cc (1 dr) of concentrated acid. Symptoms include severe pain in throat and upper gastro intestinal tract, marked thirst, bloody vomitus and difficulty in swallowing, breathing and speaking. There is discoloration and destruction of skin and mucous membranes in and about mouth collapse and shock.

#### Treatment

1. Lime water, magnesia or aluminum gel orally to neutralize acid. Avoid carbonates or bicarbonates internally if possible since these form gas and cause distension of already weakened stomach wall.
2. Avoid emetics or lavage if perforation is a possibility.
3. Egg whites beaten with 500 cc (1 pt) milk or water as demulcent.
4. External burns. Wash with water and sodium bicarbonate.
5. Eyes. Wash well with 1% sodium bicarbonate solution.
6. General supportive care as indicated (see page 531).

### ALCOHOL, ETHYL

Ethyl alcohol is a mucous membrane irritant and a C N S depressant. The M L D is 100-200 cc (3-7 oz) of pure alcohol when ingested at one time.

#### Treatment

- A Acute Intoxication (code No 010-332)
1. Careful physical examination especially for evidences of head injury.
  2. Avoid sedatives or narcotics.
  3. Lavage stomach with lukewarm water containing 4 Gm (1 tsp) sodium bicarbonate or give apomorphine 4 mg ( $\frac{1}{10}$  gr) if alcohol has recently been ingested.
  4. Stimulants
    - a. Strong black coffee orally or rectally.
    - b. Caffeine sodium benzoate 0.2-0.5 Gm (3-7½ gr) every 4 hours subcut.
    - c. Coramine® 1-5 cc of 25% solution I V.
  5. Oxygen therapy for comatose patients if needed. Immediate cause of death is usually respiratory failure.
- B Delirium Tremens (code No 003-332) (see page 537)

## ALCOHOL, METHYL (code No 010 331)

Methyl alcohol is a mucous membrane irritant and CNS depressant which has an affinity for the optic nerve. It is slowly excreted from the body and is metabolized giving formaldehyde and formaldehyde end products which produce acidosis. The M.L.D. by ingestion is 30-60 cc (1-2 oz.). The principal symptoms are a heavy epigastric pain, dyspnea, nausea and vomiting and may be followed by loss of vision. Examination reveals hyperemia, cyanosis, ecchymata or depression, delirium, coma and convulsions.

Treatment:

1. Large amounts well with 1 or 2% sodium bicarbonate
2. Check serum CO<sub>2</sub>
3. Sodium bicarbonate 0.5 Gm (7 1/2 gr) orally every 2 to 3 hours as necessary or 100-300 cc 5% N HCO<sub>3</sub> I.V. (See page 24)
4. Keep patient in dark room and institute supportive measures as indicated.

## ALKALIS (code No 010-32.)

Tris in household items are common ingredients of household cleaning compounds and may accidentally be ingested. They exert their effects on the skin and mucous membranes but in instances of severe involvement it may cause circulatory failure and collapse. The M.L.D. for the caustic powders (NaOH and KOH) is 15 Gm (1/2 oz.). For strong ammonia water 4 cc (1 dr.). Recovery has followed much larger doses, however. There is a symptom of burning pain in upper gastrointestinal tract, nausea and vomiting, and difficulty in swallowing and breathing. Physical examination reveals dehydration and edema of skin and mucous membranes to and about mouth, bloody orals and stool, dyspnea, and respiratory collapse.

Treatment:

1. A mild emetic and lavage if perforation is a possibility
2. Dilute ingestion or stress; use to neutralize alkali 120 to 240 cc (1/2 to 1 oz.) of 0.5% hydrochloric acid may be used
3. Glacéol of a bad oil (helps neutralization by formation of soaps), whites of 4 eggs well mixed with water or 1-2 Theophrastus gelatin 300 cc (1 pint) of water
4. Watch for edema of larynx, do a tracheotomy if needed
5. Supportive to secure a secure airway
6. Wash all nasal burns with dilute vinegar or citric juice
7. Wash eyes with boric acid solution or water

## ARSENIC

(Acute: code No. 010 3114) (Chronic: code No. 011 3114)

Arsenic is found in industrial chemicals, agriculture, and in dusts, rodenticides, fumigants, household antiseptics and arsenical medication.

General Reaction

Any of the following may be present: severe nausea and vomiting; abdominal cramps; diarrhea; marked thirst; choking sensation; and difficulty in swallowing; cyanosis; marked cerebral symptoms; and coma.

Treatment

1. Emetic or abundant gastric lavage with warm water.
2. Follow with demulcent drink.
3. Symptomatic relief of diarrhea (e.g., codeine).
4. Dimercaprol Injection U.S.P. (BAL®) 10% solution in oil. Give 1 M (Eagle J. Ven. Dis. Inform. 27:114, 1946).
  - a. Severe poisoning: 3 mg/Kg/dose (1.8 cc/80 Kg)
    - 1st day: 1 injection every 4 hours d y and night
    - 2nd day: 1 injection every 4 hours day and night
    - 3rd day: 1 injection every 6 hours for 4 doses
    - 4th day on: 1 injection b i d for 10 days or until recovery is complete
  - b. Mild poisoning: 2.5 mg/Kg/dose (1.5 cc/80 Kg)
    - 1st day: 1 injection every 4 hours for 4 doses
    - 2nd day: 1 injection every 4 hours for 4 doses
    - 3rd day: 1 injection b i d
    - 4th day on: 1 injection once or twice a day for 10 days or until recovery is complete
  - c. Toxic reactions to BAL®. These appear to be transient and over in 30 minutes. They include nausea, vomiting, headache, generalized aches and pains, and burning sensation about the head and face. Barbiturates have been recommended for severe side effects.

## BARBITURATES (code No. 010 3371)

Barbiturates are used for sedative, hypnotic or anticonvulsant purposes. The barbiturates are one of the most common means of both suicidal and accidental poisoning.

Obtain data on dosage and time of ingestion from patient, relatives, friend or attending physician when possible.

- A. Mild Symptoms: Drowsiness, mental confusion, headache; there may be euphoria or irritability.
- B. Moderate or Marked Symptom: Delirium, stupor, shallow and slow respirations, circulatory collapse, cold clammy skin, cyanosis, pulmonary edema, dilated and non-reacting pupils, hyporeflexia, areflexia, coma, and finally death.

Treatment

- A. Mild Symptoms: Symptomatic and supportive nursing care. Stimulants should be limited to caffeine. Keep patient under observation until danger has passed. Place suicidal patients under psychiatric care.
- B. Moderate or Marked Symptoms
  1. Hospitalize.
  2. Combat shock (see page 32).
  3. Record the following observations at 15 to 30 minute intervals until danger has passed:

- a Temporal pulse respiration and blood pressure  
b Mental status or state of consciousness  
Skin color (cyanosis or pallor)  
d Lung bases (pulmonary edema)  
e Reflexes (corneal, pupillary, gag, plantar)  
f Sensation (response to pin)
- 4 Gastric lavage with 1-2000 solution potassium permanganate  
Be certain to move all potassium in final aspiration  
This is of doubtful value if performed more than 6 hours  
after ingestion of the drug and may be very dangerous  
**CAUTION** Danger of aspiration pneumonia is great in  
stuporous or comatose patient
- 5 Pugeton of noval
- 8 Insulin therapy Save all urine specimen for toxicologic studies
- 7 Prolonged airway Apptment as pulsed for  
ward and insert tracheal intubation if that action  
is indicated may be advisable
- 8 Oxygen hypotension pressure and automatic cycling device  
(Page 150) may be valuable
- 9 Antibiotic drug Penicillin 200,000 to 500,000 unit I.M.  
daily to treat germs of pneumonia
- 10 Phenothiazine If pulmonary dematiolysis give 1  
liter of physiological saline and 2 liters of 5% dextrose  
in water daily If pulmonary edema patient does not  
saline infusion but give hypertonic dextrose solution very  
slowly 1 V liter fluid has been given and do not  
give more than 2 to 3 liters of fluid during first 24 hours  
of the event of circulatory collapse plasma
- 11 Central nervous system stimulation (analgesic or convulsant  
drug) The case is not true barbiturate overdose but a  
clinical manifestation of apnea and reflexes  
The usual treatment is artificial respiration and reflexes  
symptoms resolve rapidly if it is true or both  
conditions prove false They are also good drugs and  
could lead rapidly to hypoxia so the patient's chance  
for recovery Superiority of the various anesthetic agents  
(see over all) as previously mentioned
- a Flumazenil 1 mg I.V. (0.2% or 2 mg/cc)  
Administer 2-3 cc I.V. (0.2-0.6 ml) at once and follow with  
1 cc every 20-30 minutes until return of consciousness  
with blinks and movement (not coming on) Cerebral  
stimulation does occur by keeping patient at a level  
b Flumazenil 1 mg I.V. (0.2% or 2 mg/cc) (100 mcg/cc) (A.T. & M. Corp.)  
(1) 3-5 cc I.V. 1-2 min  
(2) 15 cc I.V. in 15 min if previous failed  
(3) 20 cc I.V. over 20 minutes or if still severe  
(4) 3-5 I.M. p.m. artificial respiration and oxygen  
therapy if needed Ampflumazenil 0.5% I.V. (100 mcg/cc) Epiject, Hy-Guard I.S.P.  
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over the above treatment methods

- 12 Dialysis of the patient's blood with the artificial kidney is indicated in severe cases when available

### BELLADONNA DERIVATIVES

(Atropine code No 010-362) (Scopolamine code No 010 379)

The belladonna alkaloids are parasympathetic depressants with variable C N S effects. M L D is 2.5 mg ( $\frac{1}{30}$   $\frac{1}{10}$  gr) of atropine sulfate but the usual lethal dose is nearer 100 mg ( $\frac{1}{2}$  gr). The patient complains of dryness of mouth, thirst, difficulty in swallowing and blurring of vision. The physical signs include dilated pupils, flushed skin, tachycardia, fever, delirium, delusions, paralysis and stupor.

#### Treatment.

- 1 Tincture of iodine 4 cc (1 dr) in 1000 cc (1 qt) of water
- 2 Universal Antidote charcoal in water (See back cover)
- 3 Lavage well with 1:2000 potassium permanganate solution
- 4 Magnesium sulfate 30 Gm (1 oz) in water
- 5 Pentobarbital sodium 0.1 Gm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) for excitement
- 6 Avoid opiates
- 7 Institute supportive measures

### BROMIDES

(Acute code No 010-3217) (Chronic code No 011 3217)

Bromides are C N S depressants frequently found in medicinal preparations. Acute poisoning is rare. The symptoms include anorexia, constipation, drowsiness, apathy and hallucination. The physical examination reveals dermatitis, conjunctivitis, foul breath, furred tongue, sordes, unequal and irregular pupils, ataxia, abnormal reflexes (often bizarre), toxic psychosis, delirium and coma.

#### Treatment.

- 1 In acute poisoning, lavage copiously with saline to remove unabsorbed bromides and later to remove those excreted into stomach. Follow with magnesium sulfate 30 Gm (1 oz) in water for catharsis.
- 2 Sodium chloride 6-12 Gm (90-180 gr) daily in addition to regular dietary intake. 1000 cc saline I V b i d or the same rectally or 1-2 Gm (15-30 gr) every 4 hours orally.
- 3 Force fluids to 4000 cc daily.
- 4 Use continuous warm baths (95-96 F) or sedative cold packs as necessary.
- 5 Otherwise treat symptomatically.

### CARBON MONOXIDE (code No 010 352)

This gas is responsible for many deaths and near deaths resulting from the use of unvented gas or coal burning heaters. It is also fatal for suicidal purposes. It combines with hemoglobin to form a

relatively stable compound which is oxidized by contact with tissue and a  
 Manifestations are headache, faintness, giddiness, tinnitus, vomiting,  
 hyperaesthesia, rigors, loss of memory, fainting, collapse,  
 paralysis and unconsciousness as

Laboratory Data When boiled or when shaken with 1 to 2 volumes  
 of sodium hydroxide, blood remains red while normal blood  
 becomes black or brown black.

#### Treatment

- 1 Remove patient to fresh air, keep warm, loosen clothing  
 and maintain airway.
- 2 Inhalation of oxygen.
- 3 Artificial respiration or resuscitation as needed.
- 4 Give 50 cc of 50% glucose I.V. for cerebral edema.
- 5 Institute supportive measures.

### CARBON TETRACHLORIDE (code No. 010 33411)

This is the very common one in industry and the home being  
 used as a solvent and cleaning agent. It is a local irritant  
 and causes an irritative CNS depressant and general  
 protoplasmic poison which has a marked effect on the liver and  
 kidney. It enters the body by ingestion and inhalation. The M.L.D.  
 is 4 cc (1 dr.) when ingested; the M.L.D. by inhalation is unknown.  
 The symptoms include headache, high fever, nausea, vomiting, diar-  
 rhea, abdominal pain, dizziness, visual disturbances, irritability  
 and intoxication. Early signs are tenderness, jaundice, lig-  
 nent and urinalysis, epiphora, discharge from the eyes.

#### Treatment

##### A. Acute Poisoning

- 1 Remove from exposure, keep warm and warm.
- 2 Calculate on 10 cc (2 1/2 dr.) of 10% solution I.V.  
 every 4 hours.
- 3 Lavage copiously with 1000 parts per million potassium  
 solution.
- 4 Magnesium sulfate 30 Gm (1 oz.) in water at once.
- 5 Treat as potential acute hepatitis (see page 279). Observe  
 for oliguria. If it becomes manifest, treat as acute renal  
 failure (see page 303).
- 6 Institute supportive therapy.

##### B. Chronic Poisoning

- 1 Remove from exposure.
- 2 Carefully evaluate heart, liver and kidney function.
- 3 High protein, high CHO, low fat diet (see page 53).
- 4 Protein hydrolysis and glucose in line or water 2000  
 3000 (2 3/4 qt.) I.V. daily. Continue until fluid balance is taken  
 and 8-12 Gm (2 3/4 dr.) by mouth daily.
- 5 Calculate on 10 cc (2 1/2 dr.) of 10% solution I.V.  
 bid and 8-12 Gm (2 3/4 dr.) by mouth daily.
- 6 Treat as potential cirrhosis (see page 280).
- 7 Symptomatic and supportive measures.
- 8 Avoid alcohol.



## CYANIDES (code No 010 353)

Hydrocyanic acid and the cyanides cause death by inactivation of the respiratory enzyme preventing utilization of oxygen by the tissues. The acid is most lethal and the M L D is 2 cc ( $\frac{1}{2}$  dr) either by ingestion or inhalation. There is a rapid onset of giddiness, loss of muscle power and stupor accompanied by panting respiration and by profound collapse. The odor of bitter almonds is on the breath.

### Treatment

Work rapidly for death occurs quickly

#### A If Ihaled

- 1 Place in open air keep in recumbent position
- 2 Maintain artificial respiration manually until arrival of resuscitator
- 3 Amyl nitrite (place perles inside mask) by inhalation for 15-30 seconds every 2 minutes
- 4 Sodium nitrite 10-15 cc ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 dr) of 3% solution I V (or 50 cc of 1% solution) taking 2-4 minutes for injection

#### B If ingested lavage stomach copiously with 3% hydrogen peroxide solution 10% sodium thiosulfate solution or 0.2% potassium permanganate

#### C Supportive therapy

## DDT (Dichloro-diphenyl trichloro ethane) (code No 010 3 )

DDT is a CNS stimulant which can cause poisoning by ingestion inhalation or direct contact. The M L D is probably about 20 Gm (5 dr) but few fatalities have been reported. When poisoning occurs from the material in solution the actual poisoning is usually due to the organic solvent and not DDT. The manifestations are tired and aching limbs nervous irritability mental sluggishness muscle twitchings convulsions and coma.

### Treatment

- 1 Universal Antidote at once if available (see back cover)
- 2 Lavage with large quantities of warm water
- 3 Magnesium sulfate 30 Gm (1 oz) in water
- 4 Phenobarbital sodium 0.1 Gm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  gr) orally
- 5 Calcium gluconate 10 cc ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  dr) of 10% solution I V for convulsions
- 6 Avoid epinephrine May cause ventricular fibrillation
- 7 Supportive measures as necessary
- 8 High CHO and high protein diet with vitamin B supplements to protect liver

## FLUORIDE POISONING (code No 010 3215)

Fluorides are found in agricultural poisons and insect powders and are used in the aluminum industry. Clinical features include vomiting colicky abdominal pain diarrhea cyanosis CNS excitement and convulsions.

T atm nt

- 1 Lim w t r o ally in larg quantiti
- 2 GI e emetic or use copious gastric l vage with lime water
- 3 Egg whit b ted with 500 cc (1 pt ) milk or w t r
- 4 Stim lant (se page 533)
- 5 Calcium gl onat 10 c of 10% s lution I V rep at if tetany occurs
- 6 A tificial r pir tion
- 7 Combat shock

**GASOLINE AND RELATED COMPOUNDS (code No 010 33x)**

G s line poisoning may result ith r from inhal tion ring s tion but m e sever symptom r suit from inhalation beca e th CNS i more quickly re hed by this route Th manif tations in the cute f rm e omiting v rigo m cul r in oo dination weak and ir regula puls tw t hing and onvul ions In the hro ic fo m th e is also h dache drow in s dim vision cold and n mb hand w akn lo of memory lo s of weight ta hy ca di m tal dullne s o confusion so s in mouth d m t es and s ndary an mia

Tr tm t

- 1 R move to f resh al
- 2 Lav ge with lad oil and/o larg amounts f warm saline
- 3 M gnesium ulf t 30 (1 oz ) in wat followed by min al il 170 c (4 oz )
- 4 W t h l s ly for 3 or 4 days for sev symptoms and fo collapse

**IODINE POISONING (code No 010 3218)**

Clini lf atures in lude ha a feristic tain of mouth and odo (b th yell w or bluish vomitu p in and b i g in ph ynx and ophagu m k d thirst diarrhea (stool m y be bl ody) we kn di zines yncope o onvulsions

Tr atm t

- 1 GI ta ch, flow r w gg whit o 1% sodi m thi lf t i wat by mouth
- 2 F ll w with m tic or r move by lavage with 1% sodium thi sulf te lution Repeat until eviden e f iodine ha di ppeared f om g at ic ont t
- 3 The give dem icents e g milk or b l y wat r
- 4 Symptom ti and supportive m u es for syst mic r tion g stimula t o anti onvul ants

**LEAD POISONING (code No 010 3112)**

Le d m y po son by ing tion Inhal tion of its f m It has a local ast ing nt action and a ge li ed t ic eff ct The M L D is 10 Gm (150 gr ) f l d a tat P i oning is manif st d by

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metallic taste dry throat thirst abdominal colic vomiting diarrhea constipation headache leg cramps black stools (lead sulfide) oliguria stupor convulsions palsies and coma In the chronic form there is variable involvement of the C N S blood forming organs and gastrointestinal tract

### Treatment

#### A Acute Poisoning Do not use BAL®

- 1 Lavage with dilute magnesium sulfate or sodium sulfate solution to precipitate insoluble lead sulfate
- 2 Treat symptomatically Avoid narcotics treat colic with local heat antispasmodics and sedatives
- 3 Mono calcium disodium ethylenediamine tetra acetate (Calcium E D T A or Calcium Disodium Versenate Solution) Intravenous® This agent forms a soluble un ionizable lead complex that is excreted in the urine and has apparently been used successfully in the treatment of lead poisoning Dosage varies 300 600 cc (10 20 oz ) 5% solution over a 2 hour period I V daily for 5 10 days

#### B Chronic Poisoning

- 1 Remove permanently from exposure
- 2 Adequate diet with vitamin supplements
- 3 Courses of Calcium E D T A may be employed especially when hematological complications have occurred to rid the body of lead (see above)

## MERCURY (code No 010 3111)

Mercury poisoning occurs by ingestion or inhalation It is a general protoplasmic poison The M L D is about 70 mg (1+ gr ) of mercury bichloride The manifestations include metallic taste salivation thirst burning sensation in throat discoloration and edema of oral tissues abdominal pain vomiting bloody diarrhea and shock In the chronic form there is weakness ataxia intention tremor irritability depression and muscle cramps

### Treatment

- 1 Give white of eggs beaten with water or skimmed milk
- 2 BAL® must be started at once (see page 536)
- 3 Magnesium sulfate 30 Gm (1 oz ) in water
- 4 Fluids 1000 cc (1 qt ) of saline I V at once (may add 1 Gm sodium thiosulfate) and repeat as necessary
- 5 Watch urinary output Treat oliguria and anuria if it occurs (see page 303)
- 6 Symptomatic and supportive measures as necessary
- 7 In chronic form remove from exposure may give 1 0 Gm (15 gr ) of sodium thiosulfate in 10 cc (2½ dr ) water I V every other day

## MORPHINE (AND THE OPIATES) (code No 010 370)

Morphine acts primarily on the C N S causing depression and The M L D is 65 mg (1 gr ) in susceptible individuals

Manifestations include headache, nausea, exitem nt d p e si n  
pin point pupils, slow respirations, rapid nd f ebl puls, ho k  
and coma

T m t

- 1 N lorphin Hyd ochlorid N N R (N lline®) a narcoti  
tagonist in dos a of 5 10 mg I V as antidote for  
ov dosag of m phin and its d riv tive m peridine  
(Deme ol®) and m thadon If eff cti in eas in pulmo  
n ry ve t lation is not achi ved with the initial dos 5 10  
mg m y b epe t d in 10 to 15 minut s and again d pending  
upon th degr and d at n fna oti dep essi n
- 2 M intain adequat re pirat on by u of artifical re pirat ion  
pref bly sus tat s with o yge
- 3 Ke p p tient awak and w rm have him w lk if nec ssa y or  
use mmo la inhalat on a d t ong stimuli
- 4 Antidot of 4 c (1 dr ) tin tur of iodin in quart of watr  
if taken ally
- 5 L vag tomach well with 1 2000 potassium permanganat at  
short interval M rphin is e eted into the stom ch
- 6 Magn ium H te 30 Gm (1 o ) in w te as catha ti
- 7 Atropi sulfat 0 5 mg (1/20 gr ) subc t if re pirati s  
a e poo pe t as ne sary

MUSHROOMS (code No 010 384)

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p of diar h a, w akne collap heavy bre thing slow p l e  
con t i t d pupil onfu lon excit m nt oliguri and coma

T m t

- 1 Atropin s ifat 0 5 1 0 mg (1/20 1/50 gr ) ubcut at once  
and pe t as needed. (Antidot fo mu rini a tion )
- 2 Uni e al Antidot whit of eggs in milk or 1 tsp  
tin tur of iodin in a quart of w ter
- 3 Lavag with 1 2000 potas ium pe manga at olutio
- 4 Magne ium ulf t 30 Gm (1 oz ) in w ter a c thartic
- 5 P tobarhital odium, 0 2 Gm (3 gr ) orally fo e item t
- 6 Bismuth a b bo ste 1 0 Gm (15 gr ) ev y 2 hours fo  
g t itis
- 7 High s line e m to help pre t ab orption
- 8 Fo fluids by mouth and par nt al routes
- 9 Institut supportive meas Wat h fo hepa

OXALIC ACID (code No 010

Oxalic acid a component of bl achin  
local ir itant whi h p cipitat s ionised  
4 Gm (1 dr ) Poisoning is manife ted b  
throat viol t abdominal pain bloody vo,  
oliguria, and circulatory c llap

# **SNAKE (AND GILA MONSTER) BITES (code No 010 3814)**

The venom of poisonous snakes and lizards may be neurotoxic or hemotoxic. Neurotoxin causes respiratory paralysis; hemotoxin causes hemolysis and destruction of endothelial lining of blood vessels. The manifestations of poisoning are local pain, thirst, profuse perspiration, nausea, vomiting, stimulation followed by depression, local redness, swelling, extravasation of blood, and collapse.

## Treatment

1. Keep patient recumbent and quiet.
2. Apply tourniquet above bite, releasing for 1-2 minutes every 15 or 20 minutes.
3. Cut deep cross incisions at site and apply suction.
4. Give specific antivenom (Follow printed instructions).
5. Plenty of warm fluids, no alcohol (synergistic with venom).
6. Barbiturates if sedation is needed. Avoid opiates.
7. Institute supportive measures, transfusions if necessary.

# **SPIDER BITES (code No 010 3815) AND SCORPION STINGS (code No 010 3815) (Black Widow Spider Bite code No 010-3816)**

The toxin of the less venomous species of spiders and scorpions causes only local pain, redness, and swelling. That of the more venomous species causes generalized muscular pains, convulsions, nausea, vomiting, variable C.N.S. involvement, and collapse.

## Treatment

1. Apply tourniquet, cut cross incisions, and apply suction.
2. If absorption has occurred, give 10 cc of 10% calcium gluconate I.V. or I.M. Repeat as necessary.
3. Give specific antivenom (Follow printed instructions).
4. Keep patient recumbent and quiet.
5. Hot baths and 20 cc of 10% magnesium sulfate I.V. for relief of pain (see caution on page 296).
6. Adequate sedation. Institute supportive measures.
7. Hot compresses of sodium bicarbonate solution for relief of local pain, if no systemic involvement.
8. ACTH or adrenal steroids may be of some value (see page 423).

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narcosis

# APPENDIX

## MEDICAL REHABILITATION

By rehabilitation medical rehabilitation or rehabilitation of the physically handicapped patient is meant the restoration of the patient to his maximum physical, social and communicative capacity. It differs from definitive medical therapy the aim of which is to cure illness and to prolong life.

Rehabilitation has also been called the third phase of medical care. The three phases are (1) prevention of illness (2) definitive medical care and (3) rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation should not and should not be delayed until definitive medical care has been completed to be most effective it should start at the onset of any illness acute or chronic. Frequently definitive therapy and rehabilitation are difficult to reconcile proper compromise must be made in order to render the best service to the patient.

Many a residual disability is not caused by the original illness but by inactivity (eg bed rest or chair rest) or faulty positioning because of weakness or pain. Flexion contracture of the elbow and subluxation of the shoulder in hemiplegia and my ardi lin far tion e all v idable if rehabilitation is started early. Furthermore the psychological outlook for the patient (and thus his cooperation with therapy) improves when he knows the goal is not only cessation of illness but restoration to usefulness as well.

## REHABILITATION OF THE HEMIPLEGIC PATIENT

Advances in physical medicine have given new hope to the patient who suffers from hemiplegia a condition which is counted among the most morbid in clinical medicine. The following program is intended to serve only as a guide it applies to the typical case of cerebral vascular accident but the principles are the same in hemiplegia of any etiology.

### Bed Phase

Start on second or third day of illness or as soon as the patient is conscious. The patient should be of fair height and should have no allia and no overhanging trapeze.

**A Exercises** Start with ten minutes of exercises every two hours and increase to 30 minutes of exercises every two hours.

- 1 With good arm and leg, turn from back to side to abdomen, then to other side and then back. Repeat in opposite direction.
- 2 With good hand on trapeze pull to sitting position and back.
- 3 Move sideways up and down on bed.
- 4 Sit up on edge of bed with side rail moved, legs dangling and move along edge of bed with aid of good arm and leg.

**B Self Care** (all done with good hand)

- 1 Toilet activities Wash face and hands comb hair shave
- 2 Feeding activities At first in bed with back rolled up later sitting on edge of bed.

**C Bathing** None during bed phase

Standing Phase

Starts three to five days after beginning bed phase and should replace bed phase as soon as possible. Patient is placed in an arm chair with his good side next to the bed. The vertical bar of the overhead frame is reach of his good hand and the paralyzed arm in a sling.

- A Exercise** Start with ten minutes of exercise every two hours and increase to 30 minutes every two hours
- 1 With good arm pull to standing position on good leg. Sit back
  - 2 Standing with good hand on vertical bar of overhead frame perform slight knee bend and straighten up. Repeat with gradually deeper knee bends
  - 3 Stand with good hand on vertical bar of bed frame. Go up on toes, come back down
- B Self Care (using good hand)**
- 1 Toilet activities. Complete bath in bed
  - 2 Dressing activities. Dress and undress except for shoes
- C Bracing**
- 1 Flat wooden splint (attached to volar surface with ace bandage or straps) from one inch below the elbow to one half inch beyond the fingertips of the paralyzed arm
  - 2 Keep paralyzed arm in sling to prevent pull on shoulder
  - 3 If after two weeks the paralyzed leg still swings completely flail at the knee joint a long leg brace is needed in order to continue rehabilitation

Stair climbing Phase

Starts two to ten days after the beginning of the standing phase and should replace standing phase as soon as possible

- A Exercises** Performed four times a day increasing from several steps to a whole flight of stairs. The patient is placed in a chair facing the foot of a flight of stairs. The good arm next to the banister. The paralyzed arm is splinted and in a sling and the paralyzed leg is in a long leg brace if needed
- 1 Pull to standing position holding to the banister with the good hand. Step up one step with the good leg then pull paralyzed leg up to the same step. Continue for several steps
  - 2 Step backward and down with the paralyzed leg and put the good leg down next to it. Continue for several steps
  - 3 While several stairs up turn towards and reach over to the opposite banister. Step forward and down with the paralyzed leg. Then place good leg next to paralyzed leg and continue
- B Self Care** Complete toilet and feeding and dressing activities should be possible by this time
- C Bracing**
- 1 Long leg brace if indicated
  - 2 If patient has a foot drop during stair climbing he should have a short leg brace with a 90° posterior stop at ankle
  - 3 If the patient shows evidence of inversion or eversion of the foot he should have a short leg brace with a T strap
  - 4 If function has returned to the paralyzed hand the splint may be discarded. Otherwise it should be worn intermittently

Walking Phase

Start as soon as the patient is capable of walking up and down a

whole flight of stairs with uttling Paralyzed arm is kept in sling  
and one is held with good hand Two different things can  
be recommended for the hemiplegic patient  
A Sling (For feeble patients or patient with poor balance)  
No one forward place good foot next to cane and then drag  
paralyzed foot next to good foot

B Feet  
1 Stand on good leg place cane and paralyzed leg forward  
simultaneously and put weight on them  
2 Swing good leg through front of cane and paralyzed leg and  
put weight on it Continue in this fashion

Special Problem in Hemiplegic Patient  
C Cmplicat bsen effect in most cases no useful func  
tion t ns to the paralyzed upper extremity and the wrist  
and hand be supported in the splint The sling may be  
d s rd d lter wh n th should r mus l s be om passi  
and the pati t f l limited by the sling With his good hand  
th p t nt should move the paralyzed finger wrist and  
elbow through the full range of motion twice a day in ord  
to move the paralyzed shoulder through the full range of  
motion th p t nt m y n d a c d th ough an overh d pul  
ley by means of which the paralyzed arm (tied to the wrist)  
ca b pull d up as high as possible with the good arm

2 Partial function If only partial function remains to the para  
lyzed extremity th p t nt should us t only to the para  
to which it is helpful expedient For the activities the  
patie t should b t aid in the use of the good extremity

3 Complete function If complete function returns the patient  
should use the extremity as much as possible

B Talm nt f Alpha Ia If phasia occurs whether by (daily  
in h h hour periods) should be started as soon as possible If  
a n ory o r c pti e phasi i p e ent th above p ogram  
may be dered extremely difficult since it is based on the  
ability of the patient to understand what is required of him

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p t nt sh ld be r mind d to empty his bladder voluntarily at  
hourly intervals Th e intervals an be gradually incre ed

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# NORMAL REMATOLOGICAL VALUES

|                                     |                              |                            |                     |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| White Blood Cells                   | 5 000 10 000 per cu mm       |                            |                     |
| Myelocytes                          | 0 %                          | Lymphocytes                | 20 40%              |
| Juvenile Neutrophils                | 0 %                          | Eosinophils                | 1 3 %               |
| Band Neutrophils                    | 0 5 %                        | Basophils                  | 0 1 %               |
| Segmented Neutrophils               | 40 60%                       | Monocytes                  | 4 8 %               |
| Platelets                           | 200 000 to 500 000 per cu mm |                            |                     |
| Red Blood Cells                     | in million per cu mm         |                            |                     |
| Men                                 | 5 0 (4 5 to 6 0)             | Women                      | 4 5 (4 3 to 5 5)    |
| Reticulocytes                       | Less than 1%                 |                            |                     |
| Hemoglobin in Gm /100 cc            |                              |                            |                     |
| Men                                 | 15 18 Gm (13 5 18)           | Women                      | 13 15 (12 5 16 5)   |
| Hematocrit (packed cell volume)     |                              |                            |                     |
| Men                                 | 45 47% (38 54%)              | Women                      | 40 42% (36 47%)     |
| Cellular Measurements of r b c      | Average diam                 | 7 3 $\mu$ (5 5 8 8 $\mu$ ) |                     |
| Mean Corpuscular Volume             | 87 c $\mu$ (80 94 c $\mu$ )  |                            |                     |
| Mean Corpuscular Hb                 | 30 $\gamma$ (28 3 $\gamma$ ) |                            |                     |
| Mean Corpuscular Hb Conc            | 35% (33 38%)                 |                            |                     |
| Color Saturation and Volume Indices | each                         | 1 0 (0 9 1 1)              |                     |
| Bleeding Time                       | Duk 1 4 minutes              | Ivy                        | less than 4 minutes |
| Coagulation Time                    | Lee and Whit                 | 5 15 minutes               |                     |

# NORMAL BLOOD CHEMISTRY VALUES

|                 | Constituent                     | Value/100 cc                 | mEq /Liter           |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
|                 |                                 |                              |                      |
| Serum or Plasma | Sodium                          | 310 340 mg                   | 136 145              |
|                 | Chloride (as Cl)                | 350 375 mg                   | 100 106              |
|                 | Total Chlorides (as NaCl)       | 580 6 0 mg                   | 100 108              |
|                 | Potassium                       | 14 20 mg                     | 3 5 5 0              |
|                 | Phosphorus                      | 3 4 5 mg                     | 0 8 1 5 (mM)         |
|                 | Magnesium                       | 1 3 mg                       | 1 2                  |
|                 | Calcium total                   | 9 11 mg                      | 4 5 5 5              |
|                 | CO <sub>2</sub> Combining Power | 55 75 Vol %                  | 24 28                |
|                 | Cholesterol                     | 150 240 mg                   |                      |
|                 | Cholesterol esters              | 65% of the total Cholesterol |                      |
|                 | Amylase                         | 80 180 Units                 |                      |
|                 | Phosphatase alkaline            | 2 0 4 5 Units (Bodansky)     |                      |
|                 | Phosphatase acid                | 0 5 2 Units (Bodansky)       |                      |
|                 | Potassium and Iodine            | 4 8 micrograms               |                      |
| Blood           | Serum Albumin                   | 4 5 5 5 Gm                   | Total                |
|                 | Serum Globulin                  | 1 5 3 0 Gm                   | 6 0 8 0 Gm           |
|                 | Fibrinogen (plasma)             | 0 2 0 6 Gm                   | per 100 cc           |
|                 | Glucose                         | 80 100 mg (tru)              | 80 120 mg (Folin Wu) |
|                 | Total Non protein Nitrogen      | 15 35                        |                      |
|                 | Urea Nitrogen                   | 10 20                        |                      |
|                 | Uric Acid                       | 3 6                          |                      |
|                 | Creatinine                      | 1 2                          |                      |

# NORMAL RENAL FUNCTION AND URINE VALUES

|                                  |                             |             |             |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Phenol Red Test (P S P)          | 15 minutes                  | over 25%    | 2 hours     | over 55%  |
| Urea Clearance                   | 75 120% of A N F            | 40 100      | /minute     |           |
| Addis Urine Sediment Count       | (Values for 12 hour period) |             |             |           |
| pH acid                          | Sp Gr                       | 1 025 1 030 | Albumin     | 0 30 mg   |
| b c                              | 0 1 000 000                 |             | Calculation | 0 100 000 |
| w b c and small epithelial cells | 0 2 000 000                 |             |             |           |

# ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS HANDBOOK

|         |  |              |                                 |
|---------|--|--------------|---------------------------------|
| ā       | Of e h                                       | mEq          | Milli q ival t                  |
| a       | B fore m ls                                  | mg           | Milligram                       |
| ad lib  | At ple su                                    | μ            | Minim*                          |
| amp     | Amp l *                                      | mm           | Millim t r                      |
| b i d   | Twice a d y                                  | M L D        | Minim m l th l dos              |
| b m     | Bow l mo em nt                               | γ            | M crog am                       |
| B M R   | Bas l m t bolic te                           | γγ           | Mi o microgram*                 |
| B P     | Br tish<br>Pharmacopoei                      | μ            | Mi ron                          |
| B U N   | Blood ur a nit g                             | N C A        | Not Coun l Accepted             |
| c       | C p  | N N R        | N w and No off c al<br>R medl s |
| C l     | C lorie                                      | N P N        | Nonp t i nit ogen               |
| ps      | C psule                                      | N R C        | Nation l Resear h<br>Coun il    |
| C B C   | Complel blood count<br>RBC WBC Diff<br>Hgb   | oz or        | Oun                             |
| cc      | C bic ce tim t                               | P A          | Perni io s an mia               |
| cf      | Conf   | p c          | After m als                     |
| CHO     | Ca bohyd t                                   | ppt          | P e pit t d                     |
| C l     | Col inde                                     | p n          | A s y                           |
| m       | Centimete                                    | P S P        | Ph ole lph phthal in<br>ph l d  |
| C N S   | C tral nervou<br>syst m                      | Ps           | Phys l gi al l e<br>l tion      |
| C S F   | C b ospinal fluid                            | pt or O P nt |                                 |
| u       | Cubic  | q            | E ery                           |
| μ       | Cubi mie on                                  | q i d        | F r times d y                   |
| dr o    | D am   | q s ad       | S ff ie t t m ke up to          |
| E g EKC | El t oca diogram                             | qt           | Qu t                            |
| GB      | G libladd                                    | r b c        | Red blood corp l                |
| GI      | G st oint stinal                             | RBC          | R d blood cou t                 |
| Gm      | Gram   | R            | P ript on                       |
| gr      | G ain  | c            | S ond                           |
| gt      | Drop (gtt d op )                             | S i          | S t tion inde                   |
| H       | H  | S g          | Let it be label d               |
| Hgb     | H moglobin                                   | Sol          | o lut on                        |
| h s     | At bedtim                                    | p gr         | pe ific gravity                 |
| I M     | Int am c la ly                               |              | On half                         |
| I U     | Int rn tion l unit                           | St t         | Imm di tely                     |
| I V     | Int no ly                                    | s b ut       | Subcutan ou ly                  |
| Kg      | Kilogram                                     | tab          | Tablet                          |
| L       | Lit r  | Tb p         | Tabl poon                       |
| lb      | Pou d  | t i d        | Thr tim w a day                 |
| liq     | Liq id                                       | t p          | T a poon                        |
| mc      | Millicurie                                   | U            | U it                            |
| M C H   | M an corpus lar<br>h moglobin                | U S P        | U S Pharmacopoi                 |
| M C H C | M an co pu cul<br>h moglobin<br>once t ation | V i          | Vol m l d                       |
| M C V   | M an rpuscular<br>volum                      | w b          | Whit blood c ll                 |
|         |  | WBC          | Whit blood count                |
|         |  | Wt           | W ight                          |
|         |  | >            | Gr t r than                     |
|         |  | <            | Le tha                          |

Abb eviations for either singular o pl al

# TABLES OF APPROXIMATE EQUIVALENTS

| Weight Equivalents |         | Volume Equivalents |           |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|
| Apothecary         | Metric  | Apothecary         | Metric    |
| 1/30 gr            | 0.2 mg  | 1 min (γ)          | 0.06 cc   |
| 1/210 gr           | 0.3 mg  | 3 min (γ)          | 0.18 cc   |
| 1/150 gr           | 0.4 mg  | 5 min (γ)          | 0.3 cc    |
| 1/100 gr           | 0.5 mg  | 8 min (γ)          | 0.5 cc    |
| 1/100 gr           | 0.6 mg  | 10 min (γ)         | 0.6 cc    |
| 1/80 gr            | 1.0 mg  | 12 min (γ)         | 0.75 cc   |
| 1/30 gr            | 2.0 mg  | 15 min (γ)         | 0.9 cc    |
| 1/16 gr            | 4.0 mg  | 16 min (γ)         | 1.0 cc    |
| 1/12 gr            | 5.4 mg  | 20 min (γ)         | 1.2 cc    |
| 1/10 gr            | 6.5 mg  | 30 min (γ)         | 1.8 cc    |
| 1/8 gr             | 8.0 mg  | 50 min (γ)         | 3.0 cc    |
| 1/6 gr             | 11.0 mg | 1 fl dr (γ)        | 3.7 cc    |
| 1/4 gr             | 16.0 mg | 65 min (γ)         | 4.0 cc    |
| 1/3 gr             | 22.0 mg | 80 min (γ)         | 5.0 cc    |
| 3/8 gr             | 24.0 mg | 2 fl dr (γ)        | 7.5 cc    |
| 1/2 gr             | 3.0 Gm  | 2 2/3 fl dr (γ)    | 10.0 cc   |
| 3/4 gr             | 50.0 mg | 4 fl dr (γ)        | 15.0 cc   |
| 1 gr               | 65.0 mg | 5 1/2 fl dr (γ)    | 20.0 cc   |
| 1 1/2 gr           | 0.1 Gm  | 8 fl dr (γ)        | 1.0 fl oz |
| 2 gr               | 0.13 Gm | 1 fl oz (γ)        | 30.0 cc   |
| 3 gr               | 0.2 Gm  | 1 2/3 fl oz (γ)    | 50.0 cc   |
| 5 gr               | 0.32 Gm | 2 fl oz (γ)        | 60.0 cc   |
| 7 1/2 gr           | 0.5 Gm  | 3 3/8 fl oz (γ)    | 100.0 cc  |
| 10 gr              | 0.65 Gm | 4 fl oz (γ)        | 100.0 cc  |
| 15 gr              | 1.0 Gm  | 8 fl oz (γ)        | 240.0 cc  |
| 1 dr (γ)           | 4.0 Gm  | 16 fl oz (γ)       | 480.0 cc  |
| 1 oz (γ)           | 30.0 Gm | 1 pt               | 480.0 cc  |

| Household Measures | Apothecary    | Metric |
|--------------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 teaspoon         | 1 fl dr (γ)   | 4 cc   |
| 1 tablespoon       | 1/2 fl oz (γ) | 15 cc  |
| 1 teacup           | 4 fl oz (γ)   | 120 cc |
| 1 glass (tumbler)  | 8 fl oz (γ)   | 240 cc |
| 1 measuring cup    | 8 fl oz (γ)   | 240 cc |
| 1 pint             | 16 fl oz (γ)  | 480 cc |

## CENTIGRADE TO FAHRENHEIT TEMPERATURES

| C    | F    | C    | F     | C    | F     |
|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 35   | 95   | 37.5 | 99.5  | 40   | 104   |
| 35.5 | 95.9 | 38   | 100.4 | 40.5 | 104.9 |
| 36   | 96.8 | 38.5 | 101.3 | 41   | 105.8 |
| 36.5 | 97.7 | 39   | 102.2 | 42   | 107.6 |
| 37   | 98.6 | 39.5 | 103.1 | 43   | 109.4 |

## METRIC SYSTEM

|        |                              |                            |
|--------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Weight | 1 000 micrograms (γ)         | 1 milligram (mg)           |
|        | 1 000 milligrams (mg)        | 1 gram (Gm)                |
|        | 1 000 grams (Gm)             | 1 kilogram (Kg)            |
| Volume | 1 000 cubic millimeters      | 1 milliliter (ml)          |
|        |                              | or 1 cubic centimeter (cc) |
|        | 1 000 cubic centimeters (cc) | 1 liter (L)                |

# IDEAL WEIGHT FOR ADULTS AGES OF 25 AND OVER

(Country of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company)

| Height<br>(With Shoe) |        | Ideal Weight in Pounds and Kilograms for MEN<br>(For weight without shoes or clothing, but in standard pose) |      |           |      |        |      |
|-----------------------|--------|--|------|-----------|------|--------|------|
| Feet                  | Inches | Pounds   |      | Kilograms |      | Pounds |      |
|                       |        | Lb   | Kg   | Lb        | Kg   | Lb     | Kg   |
| 5                     | 2      | 137.5  | 62.4 | 57.7      | 26.2 | 131.4  | 59.6 |
| 5                     | 3      | 140.0  | 63.5 | 59.1      | 26.8 | 133.4  | 60.5 |
| 5                     | 4      | 142.6  | 64.7 | 60.3      | 27.3 | 135.4  | 61.4 |
| 5                     | 5      | 145.1  | 65.8 | 61.7      | 27.9 | 137.4  | 62.3 |
| 5                     | 6      | 147.6  | 66.9 | 63.1      | 28.6 | 139.4  | 63.2 |
| 5                     | 7      | 150.2  | 68.1 | 64.5      | 29.2 | 141.4  | 64.1 |
| 5                     | 8      | 152.7  | 69.3 | 65.9      | 29.8 | 143.4  | 65.0 |
| 5                     | 9      | 155.3  | 70.4 | 67.3      | 30.5 | 145.4  | 65.9 |
| 5                     | 10     | 157.8  | 71.6 | 68.7      | 31.1 | 147.4  | 66.8 |
| 5                     | 11     | 160.4  | 72.8 | 70.1      | 31.7 | 149.4  | 67.7 |
| 6                     | 0      | 162.9  | 73.9 | 71.5      | 32.3 | 151.4  | 68.6 |
| 6                     | 1      | 165.5  | 75.1 | 72.9      | 32.9 | 153.4  | 69.5 |
| 6                     | 2      | 168.0  | 76.2 | 74.3      | 33.5 | 155.4  | 70.4 |
| 6                     | 3      | 170.5  | 77.4 | 75.7      | 34.1 | 157.4  | 71.3 |

| Height<br>(With Shoe) |        | Ideal Weight in Pounds and Kilograms for WOMEN<br>(For weight without shoes or clothing, but in standard pose) |      |           |      |        |      |
|-----------------------|--------|--|------|-----------|------|--------|------|
| Feet                  | Inches | Pounds   |      | Kilograms |      | Pounds |      |
|                       |        | Lb   | Kg   | Lb        | Kg   | Lb     | Kg   |
| 5                     | 0      | 124.3  | 56.4 | 51.7      | 23.5 | 118.4  | 53.7 |
| 5                     | 1      | 126.8  | 57.5 | 53.1      | 24.1 | 120.4  | 54.6 |
| 5                     | 2      | 129.3  | 58.6 | 54.5      | 24.7 | 122.4  | 55.5 |
| 5                     | 3      | 131.8  | 59.8 | 55.9      | 25.3 | 124.4  | 56.4 |
| 5                     | 4      | 134.3  | 60.9 | 57.3      | 25.9 | 126.4  | 57.3 |
| 5                     | 5      | 136.8  | 62.1 | 58.7      | 26.5 | 128.4  | 58.2 |
| 5                     | 6      | 139.3  | 63.2 | 60.1      | 27.1 | 130.4  | 59.1 |
| 5                     | 7      | 141.8  | 64.3 | 61.5      | 27.7 | 132.4  | 60.0 |
| 5                     | 8      | 144.3  | 65.4 | 62.9      | 28.3 | 134.4  | 60.9 |
| 5                     | 9      | 146.8  | 66.5 | 64.3      | 28.9 | 136.4  | 61.8 |
| 5                     | 10     | 149.3  | 67.6 | 65.7      | 29.5 | 138.4  | 62.7 |
| 5                     | 11     | 151.8  | 68.7 | 67.1      | 30.1 | 140.4  | 63.6 |
| 6                     | 0      | 154.3  | 69.8 | 68.5      | 30.7 | 142.4  | 64.5 |
| 6                     | 1      | 156.8  | 70.9 | 69.9      | 31.3 | 144.4  | 65.4 |
| 6                     | 2      | 159.3  | 72.0 | 71.3      | 31.9 | 146.4  | 66.3 |
| 6                     | 3      | 161.8  | 73.1 | 72.7      | 32.5 | 148.4  | 67.2 |

Feet and inches to centimeters and millimeters; pounds to kilograms; height in feet and inches to height in meters and centimeters.

## AVERAGE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT FOR CHILDREN

| Age   | BOYS   |        |        |      | GIRLS  |        |        |      |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|
|       | Height |        | Weight |      | Height |        | Weight |      |
|       | Feet   | Inches | Lb     | Kg   | Feet   | Inches | Lb     | Kg   |
| 1     | 3      | 8      | 45.7   | 20.7 | 3      | 8      | 45.7   | 20.7 |
| 1 1/2 | 3      | 2      | 66.0   | 30.0 | 3      | 2      | 66.0   | 30.0 |
| 2     | 3      | 5      | 73.6   | 33.4 | 3      | 5      | 73.6   | 33.4 |
| 2 1/2 | 3      | 8      | 82.8   | 37.5 | 3      | 8      | 82.8   | 37.5 |
| 3     | 3      | 10     | 91.4   | 41.4 | 3      | 10     | 91.4   | 41.4 |
| 4     | 3      | 3      | 9.0    | 4.1  | 3      | 3      | 9.0    | 4.1  |
| 5     | 3      | 6      | 106.6  | 48.3 | 3      | 6      | 106.6  | 48.3 |
| 6     | 3      | 9      | 114.2  | 51.8 | 3      | 9      | 114.2  | 51.8 |
| 7     | 3      | 11     | 129.3  | 58.6 | 3      | 11     | 129.3  | 58.6 |
| 8     | 4      | 3      | 127.0  | 57.6 | 4      | 3      | 127.0  | 57.6 |
| 9     | 4      | 4      | 132.0  | 60.0 | 4      | 4      | 132.0  | 60.0 |
| 10    | 4      | 6      | 13.1   | 6.0  | 4      | 6      | 13.1   | 6.0  |
| 11    | 4      | 8      | 142.2  | 64.5 | 4      | 8      | 142.2  | 64.5 |
| 12    | 4      | 10     | 147.3  | 66.8 | 4      | 10     | 147.3  | 66.8 |
| 13    | 5      | 0      | 152.4  | 69.1 | 5      | 0      | 152.4  | 69.1 |
| 14    | 5      | 2      | 15.3   | 7.0  | 5      | 2      | 15.3   | 7.0  |
| 15    | 5      | 4      | 162.4  | 73.7 | 5      | 4      | 162.4  | 73.7 |
| 16    | 5      | 6      | 167.9  | 76.1 | 5      | 6      | 167.9  | 76.1 |
| 17    | 5      | 7      | 170.7  | 77.4 | 5      | 7      | 170.7  | 77.4 |

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